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Rafael head resigns after pact approved

MICHAL YUDELMAN

FOLLOWING the approval yesterday of an agreement temporarily solving the Rafael crisis, director-general Yitzhak Gart resigned.

Gatt asked Prime Minister Shimon Peres to accept his resignation, but Peres asked him to stay on. Gatt has not given his final decision, Channel 2 report-

Peres yesterday approved the interim compromise agreement reached Saturday night between the Histadrut and the Treasury. according to which Rafael, the Armaments Development Authority, is to remain part of the Defense Ministry for at least another two years, before becoming a government corpora-

Besides solving the immediate crisis, the Histadrut considers the agreement no less an achievement for obtaining improved retirement conditions for workers who quit Rafael within the next two years.

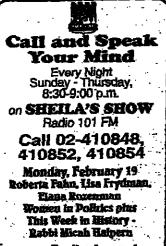
According to the agreement, 450 workers will retire voluntarily within the coming year and receive the same benefits as those who retired in July 1993. The first 250 workers are to retire immediately with the signing of the agreement this week. 100 others in September, and

100 more next January. Only civil servants eligible for budgetary pension - those over 40 employed for 10 years - will be included in the voluntary

retirement program. Rafael's management may veto 20% of those who opt for retirement, but then may not fire those workers for three years.

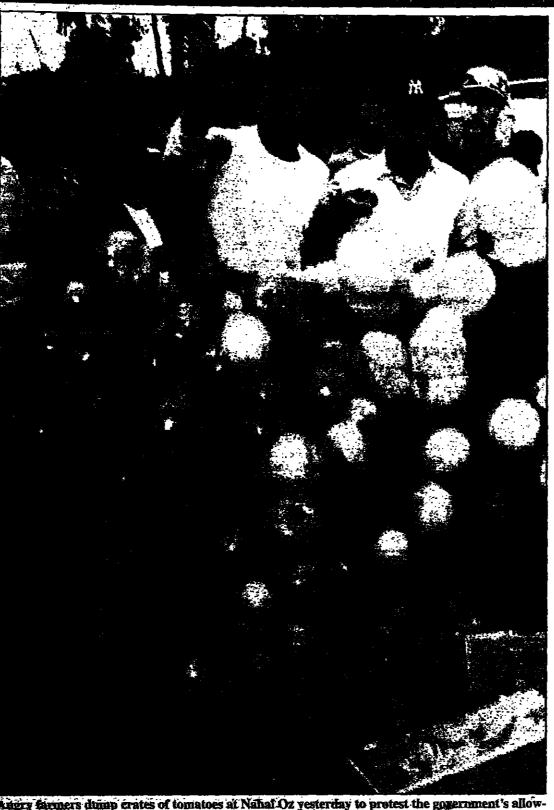
Under the agreement, management canceled the dismissal notices it gave 90 workers and undertook not to fire others during the next two years. If it finds it necessary to reduce personnel further, the workers who have to leave will join the retirement program with the same improved

Rafael workers who are civil servants, but not employed in research fields, have agreed to take a 9 percent pay cut, which is the average wage hike given civil servants in January 1996.



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Augry farmers dump crates of tomatoes at Nahal Oz yesterday to protest the government's allowing Radestinian produce to flood the Israeli market. Stary, Page 12.

Peres accuses Likud of incitement over Jerusalem

STUNG by a Likud allegation that he would agree to the repartition of Jerusalem, Prime Minister Shimon Peres angrily struck back yesterday. He issued a statement at the weekly cabinet meeting declaring that the charge is not only baseless, but also constitutes "incitement." given public sensitivity to the future of the city.

Meanwhile, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmen again claimed that academics Yair Hirschfeld and Ron Pundak are conducting secret negotiations on Jerusalem with the Palestinians.

Pundak and Hirschfeld received the green light from Minister Yossi Beilin to discuss the future of Jerusalem, Channel 1 reported last night. This has been consistently denied by the government.

The fact that the talks are taking place is not being contested." Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu said at the capital press conference at which Olmert made his claim. "What is under dispute is the question of whether they are separate talks by academics or whether they are under Beilin's supervision. We say with complete certainty that they are laying the ground for [an Oslo-style] agreement."

He compared the situation to the division of Berlin, saying: "Physical division follows political division as sure as night follows day."

Peres's statement, read to reporters by cabinet secretary Shmuel Hollander, declared: Following charges that the prime minister and the government intend, as it were, to divide Jerusalem - and with regard to secret talks allegedly being conducted on the matter - the prime minister wishes to emphatically DAVID MAKOVSKY and LIAT COLLINS

and unequivocally state that he has no knowledge whatsoever of any official persons dealing with Jerusalem or conducting negotiations on this issue.

"Reports of this are baseless. The prime minister emphasized that the entire cabinet is united on the principle that Jerusalem should not be divided, and allegations to the contrary should be considered incite-

Jerusalem talks, Page 2

Olmert cited two recent meetings between Pundak and Hirschfeld and Palestinian officials in Jerusalem. The first was in November at Orient House and the second at the Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs.

The upcoming elections will be a referendum on Jerusalem, Netanyahu said, launching the Likud-Tsomet campaign with posters and stickers bearing the slogan, Peres will divide Jerusalem."

"If the prime minister means what he told the cabinet, he should prove it by closing down Orient House by March 1," Olmen said.

According to the government's own evaluations, he added, closing Orient House would not affect the continuation of the peace process. Both Netanyahu and Olmert rejected a call by Labor Party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli to sign an agreement to keep the Jerusalem issue out of the election

Netanyahu dismissed the demand as "ridiculous." "Jerusalem is the most important issue in these elections. We won't agree to keep quiet now, so that he can yield later. The elections will determine whether the Jewish dream of a united, rebuilt Jerusalem will continue or

disintegrate." Channel 2 reported last night that Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal called on Foreign Minister Ehud Barak to prevent foreign dignitaries from visiting Orient House.

Netanyahu gave a long list of reasons for concern about Jerusalem, including the talks on the permanent status; the secret talks in Europe; the existence of more than 10 Palestinian offices operating in Jerusalem; the plans for an Arab shadow municipality; the presence of Jibril Rajoub's Preventive Security Service agents; Yasser Arafat's declarations on the the city; the Palestinian elections in the city; and the government's refusal to support opposition bills calling for a special Knesset majority to endorse changes to Jerusalem's borders and status.

MK Yitzhak Levy (National Religious Party), meanwhile, said he would raise his Jerusalem bill for first reading this week. Under the bill, any changes to the existing Jerusalem Law would require a majority of 80 MKs, two-thirds of the Knesset.

"The bill is compatible with the government's statements on the status of Jerusalem and will be a test of the honesty of those statements," Levy said.

Bill Hutman contributed to this

Labor proposes May 14 elections

LABOR now wants the elections to be held on May 14, senior party sources said yesterday. This is two weeks earlier than the date said to have been Prime Minister Shimon Peres's

original choice. Attempts to fix a new election date will be renewed this morning, when the Labor team meets with Peres, then with Likud representatives, followed by representatives of the reli-

gious parties. The Likud and Tsomet issued a statement last night arguing that "Labor's sudden decision to move back the elections even further is evidence of panic in Labor quarters and prevent open discussion of its plan to divide Jerusalem. It is no coincidence that Labor is trying to hold

elections three days before Jerusalem Day." Labor responded by saying that the Likud has resumed its incitement, which mandates

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres

and other ministers have received

death threats, the cabinet was told

Cabinet sources said threats

According to a security source,

In a rare interview with a mem-

ber of his family, Peres's daughter

Zvia Walden, a university lecturer.

told Israel Radio yesterday that

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that the elections be held as early as possible. But the new date may only be a bargaining chip. Labor has been trying since last week to link concessions on a more suitable date to opposition agreement to ban election propaganda from Channel 2 and to repeal legislation preventing candidate to be shown on television in the month preceding election day. The oppo-sition maintains that this would give an immense advantage to the government parties. Elections on May 14, it is conceded even

within Labor, may be impossible for a number of reasons. Interior Minister Haim Ramon has said his ministry cannot complete the necessary preparation for an election prior to May 21. Moreover, a May 14 date could make it

PM and ministers targets of death threats

DAVID MAKOVSKY

impossible for new parties to complete bureaucratic procedures.

May 14, however, presents no religious problem as far as Shavuot is concerned. Meanwhile, wrangles inside Labor are preventing the finalization of the campaign team. It is agreed that Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer will run the campaign, but both Foreign Minister Ehud Barak and Ramon want to be put in charge of information.

Peres is reported to favor Ramon, but cause of the dispute has put off the atinouncement of his decision. He had intended, according to party sources, to name Barak head of the steering committee, put Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal in charge of administration, and Minister Yossi Beilin in

Eliezer warned that another assas-

sination is possible, and everyone

should be vigilant. It was Ben-

Eliezer who warned the cabinet a

week before Rabin's assassination

that a political killing was a very

Rabin as saying a week before he

Industry and Trade Minister

Micha Harish voiced concern that

the likelihood of another killing

has only increased now that the

Likud has falsely charged that

Labor is going to redivide

Interior Minister Haim Ramon

charge of the polls. Liat Collins contributed to this report.

real possibility.

was murdered.

Jerusalem.

Settler leaders launch drive for 'national camp'

WITH his mustache, barrel chest. pointer, and large green charts, Aharon Domb struck a field commander's pose while addressing a Jerusalem meeting of "national camp" campaign activists yester-

Whoever thinks he can force someone to think like him through an aggressive manner is mistaken," Domb said. Then he unveiled Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria,

and Gaza's campaign for Binyamin Netanyahu and the "national camp."

Domb spoke like a military

man, stressing the bottom line of goals, timetables, even "protecting the rear." Behind him at the Tikvatenu Community Center were banners with the slogan he hopes will be ubiquitous on the country's roads: "I feel secure in the national camp."

"Contrary to press reports, we are not running a negative campaign against Shimon Peres." Domb said. "And the reason is because we want Netanyahu to be the next prime minister."

Referring to the Rabin assassination. Domb said, "Since something happened in Israel - and we can not ignore that something happened in Israel - we must pay attention and not give our enemies Eretz Yisrael on a silver platter. Even beyond taking a life, or taking the life of the prime minister, what happened has given Eretz Yistael to our enemies."

A solo voice then shouted out, "And that is why he [Rabin] was

Domb and public relations man Dov Harel explained that the objective of the first phase of the campaign is to create an atmosphere where the 10 percent of the population targeted as "undecided voters" will see that there is massive support for the Right.

After the Rabin assassination. Harel explained, many people who sympathized with the Right went "underground," were embarrassed, took bumper stickers off their cars, and abandoned the street to the Left.

The campaign's immediate goal, according to the brochure handed out to some 200 activists, is "to unify and solidify the national camp, with all its parties, and create a public atmosphere of identification with the Right." In the second stage the campaign will then try to convince the undecided to vote for Netanyahu.

One number repeated over and over by both speakers was 83,987 - the number of votes "wasted" in 1992 on small right-wing parties that failed to pass the electoral threshold. These votes, had they gone to one of the right-wing parties that made it into the Knesset, would have tipped the balance of

"If it wasn't for these votes," Domb said, "we would not be caught in Oslo's dire straits."

Security Minister Moshe Shahal, and Environment Minister Yossi despicable threats," she said. Sarid. "Information [emerged I think they feel the moment of According to cabinet sources, Housing Minister Binyamin Benindicating] ... that the murder of truth is coming, and the solution prime minister Yitzhak Rabin did not end the violence and the

extremism, but left it alive and well and, some say, even opened the door for further assassinations," one source said.

against her father and herself.
There are threats against the were made against Peres. Internal prime minister ... People who oppose him are losing their minds.

she had received death threats

he strove for over many years is finally becoming a reality. "I am also a target for those who find no other outlet but to issue

At that meeting, Ben-Eliezer appealed to Rabin to ban guns at political demonstrations, to minimize the risks of an assassination. Rabin, however, turned the appeal aside, saying it was unworkable. "We have lived with this problem for more than 25 years; we will continue to do so in the future," a cabinet briefer cited

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urged that the police act against right-wing activist Avigdor Eskin. who allegedly held up a placard in Jerusalem proclaiming "Yigal Amir is not a murderer. know what is," he said.

"If this is not sedition, I do not

Old IDF boots get the boot

THE IDF is to introduce a new, improved infantry boot within the coming year.

The new footwear is supposed to be more comfortable and made

of better quality material. Some 400 pairs are to be field tested soon. The present model has been in use for 30 years.

On Levy

Over 100,000 illegal foreign workers here

MORE than 100,000 foreign workers have entered the country over the past decade and have remained here illegally, according to a survey conducted for Interior

Minister Haim Ramon. The ministry announced yesterday that those working without per-Minister of Internal Security

mits come from Asia (20,000), Africa (25,000), the CIS (25,000), Eastern Europe (15,000), and South Africa (15,000). Additional illegals come from Western Europe and North America, the ministry said. Ramon is to meet soon with

Moshe Shahal and Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Ora Namir to develop a policy to deal with the situation. In the meantime. Ramon decided to issue arriving foreign workers with a special identity eard which they must carry. Jerusalem Post Staff

Unofficial talk on Jerusalem

BACKGROUND DAVID MAKOVSKY

SENSITIVITY to the idea of informal discussions about Jerusalem has been significantly heightened because of the similar discussions that led to the Oslo agreement. During the five months before the secret talks were upgraded to an official level in May 1993, the Rabin government could plausibly deny talks were under way, as they were being conducted by two

Yair Hirschfeld and Ron Pundak, who enjoyed close personal ties to deputy foreign minister Yossi Beilin, were not "officially authorized" to conduct talks, nonetheless they were meeting Palestinians at the behest of Beilin. Their talks subsequently continued with the approval of Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin.

Peres and Beilin strategized with the two on several occasions. To ensure plausible deniability, many steps were taken. For example, Beilin insisted that draft papers, written with their Palestinian counterparts, be on the stationary of the Norwegian Institute for Applied Social Sciences.

Regardless of whether talks are now being held, it remains far from certain that Jerusalem, as it has evolved since 1967, can be

repartitioned. Meron Benvenisti, a former deputy mayor and a leading researcher on the city, declared yesterday that partition is no longer feasible.

"The current debate about a division of the city is meaningless," he said. "You cannot surgically divide Jerusalem today, as the ethnic groups are all mixed together. Nobody wants to divide the city anyway, including the

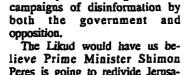
For Palestinians, Benvenisti said, there is already the start of a "functional division of the city. The Palestinians living in Jerusalem are essentially part of the Palestinian Authority's educational system. I think it is only a matter of time before Palestinians living in the city have Palestinian passports, as their Jordanian passports will be withdrawn."

But Dr. Dore Gold, who just concluded a study on Jerusalem for Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, said he does not believe the Palestinians will be satisfied with the borough arrangements favored by former mayor Teddy Kollek.

Furthermore, he dismissed idea that the Palestinians will settle for a capital in Abu Dis, which was part of Jordanian-controlled Jerusalem metropolitan district, but is just outside of the post-1967 municipal boundaries.

It is estimated that 380,000 Jews and 170,000 Arabs live in

If, however, one speaks of a metropolitan area stretching from Bethlehem to Ramallah, including Jewish settlements in the area, the ratio between Jews and Arabs becomes roughly 50:50.



ON the issue of Jerusalem's fu-

ture, the public is being treated to

Peres is going to redivide Jerusa-lem. If Likud leaders are basing this allegation on information they have about the talks already under way on the city's future, they may have been misled.

There has been no talk of redividing Jerusalem, according to sources involved in what government apologists prefer to term "informal negotiations" on Jerusalem and other final stage issues.

Whatever you call them, however, the fact remains that, for several months, govern-



Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu (right) and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, at a press conference yesterday, charge that Prime Minister Shimon Peres plans to redivide Jerusalem.

Disinformation on both sides

ment ministers and academics closely affiliated with the government have been talking about Jerusalem with their Palestinian counterparts.

These talks have created an atmosphere in which both Israeli and Palestinian officials have the strong feeling that despite the government's public pronouncements to the contrary, on Jerusalem, there is something to talk

"The final stage talks aren't going to collapse because of the Jerusalem issue," Hassan Asfour, the director of the Palestinian Authority's negotiations department, said in a recent interview in

which he outlined the positive feedback he was receiving from

COMMENT

BILL HUTMAN

israel on Jerusalem, Former foreign ministry director-general Reuven Merhav, now with the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, described "the confidence that has been created between the two sides that will go toward moving forward the formal negotiations."

A few of the subjects being talked about: Exactly what each

PA shuts

Islamic Jihad

paper in Gaza

JON IMMANUEL

GAZA police yesterday closed

down the weekly newspaper of

Islamic Jihad in Gaza, because of

an editorial which suggested that

Yasser Arafat lied on the Koran

when he was sworn in as presi-

dent of the National Authority

closed indefinitely and its editor

Ala Siftawi was arrested. It is the

third time the newspaper has

been closed in the past two years.

The front-page editorial

quoted Arafat's remarks at his

swearing-in that he vowed to up-

hold the interests of the Palestin-

ian people. It added, "He knows

very well he is responsible before

God. He can mislead or terrorize

the people but God will never

forgive him. To swear on the

Book of God is a heavy

incensed by Arafat's promise to

uphold the covenant. "Which

covenant did he mean, a hidden

one or the charter he has prom-

Siftawi was arrested Saturday

Meanwhile Palestinian police

arrested three Hamas members

in Jenin over the weekend, sus-

pecting them of planning suicide

attacks, sources close to the po-

Jailed Jordanian peace

critic reelected union boss

AMMAN (Reuter) - A detained

Jordanian, now on trial for op-

posing King Hussein's links with

Israel, was swept to reelection

Union members said Laith

Shubailat, who has been in prison

since December, won 81 percent

yesterday as head of Jordan's

largest labor organization.

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The editorial was particularly

last week.

responsibility.

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lice said.

paper office sealed.

side considers as Jerusalem; possible border adjustments in the Jerusalem area; status of Jewish. neighborhoods in eastern Jerusalem; and authority at the Temple Mount and Al-Aksa,

What's been agreed: Most importantly, that there is something to talk about on Jerusalem. General understandings have also been reached on which formal negotiations will be based. One of the points of general understanding is that Jerusalem must remain a united city.

But just what type of united

Who's working on Jerusalem?

BILL HUTMAN

FOLLOWING is a list of the main academic organizations working on the Jerusalem issue. The work of these groups is being used, and sometimes directed, by both the government and Palestinian Authority:

• Economic Cooperation Foundation (Tel Aviv, run by: Ron Pundak and Yair Hirsch feld, the academics involved. in the secret negotiations that led to the Oslo agreement)

The Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies

Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information (Jerusaiem)

OAmerican Academy of Arts and Sciences (Boston) ●Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (Jerusalem) Arab Studies Society (Jerusalem)

Truman Institute of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

south and the Shuafat refugee camp in the north areas Israel sees as part of its eternal capital. Does the demand to close Orient House, the PLO headquarters in the city, imply that the Moslem Wakf, also controlled by the PLO, should also be closed? Could Wadi Joz have a council like Gilo, and the councils' powers be expanded in both, as has been recommended by non-partisan groups? Could strengthened neighborhood councils become the basis of agreement on Jerusalem's future?

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These are some of the questions politicians generally prefer to avoid, particularly just before city will Jerusalem be after the an election. It's the public's job to election. Are Umm Tuba in the demand the answers.

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of the votes, trouncing three other candidates for leadership of the Jordanian Engineers' Union.

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Dr. Douglas Goldman and his family.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Report: France buying Israeli drones France is buying five Israeli-made pilotless spy planes, a source at Israel Aircraft Industries said yesterday. The French Defense Ministry has bought five Hunter unmanned spy planes and a ground station to operate them, the source said. (AP)

Rabin grave site to be closed

Following a decision last month by the Ministerial Committee on Symbols and Ceremonies, a new monument to the late prime minister Yatzhak Rabin is to be built, designed by architect Moshe Safdie. Due to construction work, Rabin's Mt. Herzl grave site will be closed to visitors for two weeks beginning today, through Monday March 3. Jerusalem Post Staff

Gush Katif trauma unit dedicated

was dedicated in Neveh Dekalim yesterday. The unit, which will provide emergency first-aid before a patient can be taken to a hospital, was funded by Irving Moskowitz through the One

Arafat sends pre-election pledge to Peres Palestinian Council President Yasser Arafat sent assurances to

Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday he would continue to try to curb violence by Islamic militants as Israel heads towards general elections, Palestinian Economy Minister Ahmed Oreia said. Arafat also said at a meeting in Gaza with chief Israeli peace negotiator Uri Savir that he is preparing to convene the Palestinian National Council to amend parts of the PLO charter that call for Israel's destruction. Reuter

Shahai foresees peace with Iraq

Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal said yesterday it is possible to reach a peace accord with Iraq. Shahal, himself of Iraqi origin, said overtures had been made over the past few years and that he had reported this development to the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. Israel had been unable to take steps toward accommodation with Iraq due to American opposition, Shahal told a Labor Party parlor meeting. Greer Fay Cashman

Jericho closed to israelis

Jericho will be a closed military area from 8 this morning, the IDF Spokesman announced last night, citing security reasons. The army said it would issue an announcement when the town is reopened to Israelis. Jerusalem Post Staff

IDF, Palestinians clash in Hebron

IDF troops fired tear gas at stone-throwing Palestinians in clashes in Hebron yesterday, injuring scores of demonstrators, witnesses said. They said the clashes erupted following a dispute between families. Hundreds of Palestinians streamed into the area to throw rocks at the troops, who shot tear gas and percussion grenades to disperse them.

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RHODA GOLDMAN 5"



Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal, accompanied by Palestinian Police chief Razi Jabali, reviews an honor guard of students at the Palestinian Police academy in Jericho yesterday. Bringing up the rear is Saeb Erekat, Palestinian Authority minister of local government affairs. Accompanying Shahal on the visit were Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz, Judea and Samaria district police chief Alec Ron, and Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit. They met with their Palestinian counterparts and discussed cooperation between

Yirka man kills sister, hangs himself

A DRUSE resident of Yirka, near Acre, apparently killed his sister over family honor late Saturday night, then committed suicide.

According to police, another resident of the village called at about 11 p.m. to say that Radwan Muabi, in his 30s, told him he killed his sister Nuseira, 21, a student at Safed College, then fled in

his car. Police began searching for him, and shortly thereafter found his abandoned car.

The searches resumed yesterday morning, and at about 9 a.m., the body of Nuscira was found in an olive grove. She had been hit in the head, apparently with a rock. Shortly thereafter, Muabi's body was found hanging from a tree in

According to Hebron Tarbelsi. the director-general of Safed College, Muabi had showed up at the dormitories early Saturday evening and asked his sister to come with him. When she refused, he took her by force. He said that Nuseiba Muabi had been quarreling with her family police that she feared for her life. The college, he said, had taken pains to ensure that she was never alone, seeing that someone accompanied her everywhere. But, he added, the latest report had been that everything between her and her family had been quiet for the past month.

State tells High Court 'Ha'aretz' is unworthy of the army's trust

EVELYN GORDON

THE army "discriminates" against the daily Ha'aretz only in areas which require special trust, and this is legitimate, because the paper has proven itself unworthy of such trust, the state told the High Court of in which soldiers were killed or

Instice yesterday.

It was responding to a petition by Ha'aretz which charged that notified, so that they include the the army does not let the paper's names of the victims when they all other military reporters are invited, or grant the paper's requests for personal interviews. The court has issued a showcause order on the petition.

In its response, the state said that Ha aretz receives all the official press releases and invitations which other papers

All of the paper's questions are also answered, the response

However, it continued, this is the extent of the army's formal obligations to any journalist.
Anything beyond that, such as off-the-record interviews with senior army officials, is based on the relationship of trust which the army has developed with journalists over the years, and cannot be continued if this trust

Ha'aretz betrayed the army's trust, the state argued, when it recently decided unilaterally to violate one of the basic guidelines which the army had agreed upon with all the methal That incidents seriously wounded should not be publicized until the families are Otherwise, if casualties are reported with no names, anyone with a friend or relative in the danger zone endures needless

Given this breach of trust on the paper's part, the army has no obligation to continue to grant special privileges, such as offtherecord interviews, to Ha'aretz reporters, the state

The response also disputed a number of the specific incidents of "discrimination" which Ha'aretz cited in its petition, claiming that either the paper had been invited to these events, or that they had not been formal events organized by the army, but had rather been in answer to requests from specific journal-

Shetreet submits list of nominees for **TA Religious Council**

RELIGIOUS Affairs Minister
Shimon Shetreet has finally submitted his list of candidates for appoint his candidates, so that a the Tel Aviv Religious Council, more than two years late, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday. As a result, the court canceled a petition by

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Nimrodi, Ronen seek further information on wiretapping indictment

THE indictment against Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi and security officer David Ronen is clearly written and includes all of the factual information needed, according to a statement by prosecutor

Rafi Levy yesterday. Levy was responding in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court to claims by Nimrodi and Ronen - charged with 15 counts of commissioning illegal wiretaps, mainly on Yediot Aharonot personnel - that the indictment is unclear and lacks crucial information.

However, Levy said that regarding some of the claims made by the defense, he would give further details to help the defense deal with things they say are unclear. In particular, the defendants claimed, the indictment does not say where the wiretaps for which they were charged were situated. But Levy said the prosecution has a list of Bezeq phone boxes where the taps were allegedly made and will present this list to the

However, Levy said that some details, such as a list of phone conversations, times such conversations took place, and the people who spoke in the conversations, are factual information not needed in the indictment.

Prosecutor Levy added that he doubted that such information needed to be presented as evi-

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Ex-private eyes indicted for wiretapping

FORMER private detectives Amir Ben-Asher and Ya'acov Bak were indicted yesterday in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court on charges of illegal wiretapping and conspiracy.
The two are accused of bugging

the home phone of Dov Yudkovsky, former editor-in-chief of Yediot Aharonot who moved to its rival Ma'ariv, for some two months in 1992. According to the charge sheet, Ben-Asher, 45, and Bak, 57, passed on recordings of Yudkovsky's calls to Yediot editors Moshe Vardi and Ruth Ben-Ari. They are also charged with planning to bug the home and office phones of former Yediot graphic artist Orit Lifschitz.

In another count of the indictment the two are charged with giving Vardi an illegal recording of conversations held by Ma'arn editor Ofer Nimrodi on his cellular telephone.

The trial is to open on March 6 and be heard by Judge Hanan Efrati. Bak is serving a nine-year prison sentence for commissioning a murder with Ben-Asher, who is still on trial.

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Expert: About 90 Yemenite children unaccounted for

THERE appear to have been a number of missing Yemenite children who were adopted in the Fifties, but this was not a mass phenomenon, an expert vesterday told the commission looking into the issue of the missing children.

Bar-llan University researcher Dr. Dov Leviatan cited a Health Ministry document from April 1950 sent to hospitals in the north of the country. In it, a ministry official by the name of Dr. Lustig writes: "With regard to the return of children who have recovered ... there apparently were certain people who hastily tried to adopt them. The children's parents looked for them and were unable to find them."

Leviatan, who has been studying the issue for 15 years, said he believes from 85 to 90 children are unaccounted for. He said that, if Lustig knew about this, the health minister must also have known - but the authorities turned a blind eye, since they took a paternalistic attitude towards the Yemenite immigrants, whom they regarded as "primitive."

In the Fifties. Leviatan added, it was fairly simple to adopt a child semi-legally. In some cases, Yemenite families could have adopted other Yemenite children, he said.

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On the other hand, Leviatan said, some 600 orphans arrived with that wave of immigration and it had been difficult to find them adoptive or foster parents. Thus he concludes that there could not have been a widespread phenomenon of persons wanting to adopt

Yemenite babies. in all the time he has been working on the subject, he added, only five or six persons had asked him to help trace their families. "We can only conclude that the majority of the missing children therefore must have died. Leviatan said. Leviatan said that the Mossad

had been directed, at the end of the Sixties, to look for 22 children who had allegedly been kidnapped and taken to the US for adoption. This part of the testimony was given to the court in camera.

Leviatan later told reporters the Mossad investigation was not thorough and that he had subsequently carried out an investigation of his own. "It showed there were no such cases. The story was a fabrication by (two journalists from the Olam Hazeh weekly] who were looking for a so-called scoop."

Leviatan said he had received threats both from followers of jailed Uzi Meshulam and from "political circles" - in power now and who had been in the Seventies - to stop his investigations. "I will not be intimidated," he said.

He recommended that some 50 or 60 graves be exhumed for genetic examinations, but warned that some of the graves could be empty. "The lack of order in those days extended to the burial society. too," he said.

Leviatan also took the opportunity to slam two programs of Channel 2 which had dealt with the issue. He said that claims in a program by Micha Limor that Yemenite children had been used for medical experiments, "five years after the end of the Holocaust," were sick. Whoever made such claims should be sent to a psychiatrist," Leviatan said.

As for the program Fact, based on documents which anchor llana Dayan said had "reached her," Leviatan said: Those were the documents I produced during my previous appearance here before the commission.

This is totally unethical." He did not comment, however, on the substance of Dayan's charges that some babies had been taken from the arms of their Yemenite immi-

High Court orders rabbi, convicted of fraud, suspended

THE High Court of Justice yesterday ordered that Afula Chief Rabbi Peretz Zioni be suspended because of his conviction four months ago on charges of fraud,

bribe-taking, and breach of trust. The ruling follows a long line of decisions in which the court has tried to enforce certain norms on civil servants. In 1993, for instance, it ruled that former General Security Service offical Yossi Ginossar could not serve as director-general of the Housing Ministry because of his involvement in the killing of two captured terrorists and the subsequent cover-up. Later that year, it ruled that Aryeh Deri and Rafael Pinhasi could not continue to serve as a minister and deputy minister.

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respectively, because of the pending indictments against them. However, this is the first such case involving the rabbinate.

Zioni is appealing his conviction, for pocketing tens of thousands of shekels in marriage and kashrut certificate fees, and the appeal is due to be heard in April. However, Afula resident Haviv Peretz petitioned the High Court demanding that Zioni be suspended in the meantime, and fired if his appeal is rejected. Justices Aharon Barak, Ya'akov

Kedmi, and Dalia Dorner suggested that in light of the serious charges against him, the appropri-ate thing would be for Zioni to

suspend himself. However, Zioni refused, saying his constituents want him to continue. He submitted a petition with about 1,000 names to support his claim.

The justices rejected this argument, however, saying a person who has been convicted of such serious charges should not be allowed to continue in a position of public trust, and ordered him suspended.

Zioni, who has been Afula's chief rabbi for 20 years, was sentenced by the Nazareth District Court to six months community service and a NIS 150,000 fine. The court said the authorities did not take proper measures to mon- = for him, thereby inviting integu-

Union teachers to start school late in protest over pension terms

CLASSES in junior high and high schools where teachers belong to the Teachers' Union will start only at 10 this morning.

The teachers are protesting against erosion in their pensions following new pension regulations announced by the Treasury. According to the teachers, most of

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their pensions will be cut drasti-The disruptions are just the

first step. If the Treasury does not find a solution that will satisfy us, we'll take more drastic steps," union leader Avraham

Ben Shabbat said yesterday. But the High School Teachers' Organization said later that it members would be teaching as

"The vast majority of the schools will open in the morning without disruption," a spokesman for the organization said.

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Buchanan, Dole even on eve of NH poll

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SENATE Majority Leader Bob Dole yesterday put a long life of service to the nation on the line against two younger opponents as the divisive Republican presidential campaign approached tomorrow's key New Hampshire prima-

Opinion polls showed Dole, 72, clinging to a tenuous lead over fiery columnist and former presidential speech writer Pat Buchanan, Lamar Alexander, a smooth-talking former governor of Tennessee, is within striking distance but millionaire publisher Steve Forbes' challenge appeared to be waning.

Three new polls yesterday gave Dole 25 percent with Buchanan around 21-22 percent, Alexander in the high teens and Forbes around 12 percent. The winner will emerge as the firm favorite to win the Republican nomination to face President Bill Clinton in the November election.

Whoever wins in New Hampshire will probably be the Republican nominee to run against President Clinton," Dole said last week, a comment he may regret if he loses.

The veteran lawmaker who was grievously wounded in the Second World War has asked voters to send him on a final mission for his generation. Yesterday he struck a fatalistic note, saying "I'm relaxed. What will happen will happen."

Dole will receive a late-inning boost from Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, who was due to endorse him yesterday, CBS News report-

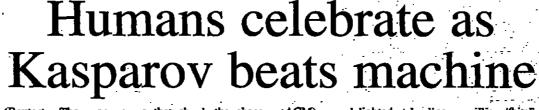
ed after speaking with Gramm. The Texan dropped out of the Republican race after a poor showing in Iowa last week.

The fiercely independent, conservative New England state, with a population more than 97 percent white, has provided an ordeal by ice for presidential candidates over four decades. No candidate since 1964 has won the Republican presidential nomination without first winning the New Hampshire primary.

If Dole wins, his superior financial resources and organization may see him to the nomination as the campaign spreads around the country with more than 20 states holding primaries or caucuses in the next three weeks. If he falters, many of his supporters may turn to Alexander in an effort to block the populist Buchanan.

With candidates spending millions of dollars on nasty, negative advertising, the campaign has opened an ideological breech that has many Republicans increasing-Iv anxious that the party is tearing itself apart and paving the way for a Clinton victory in November. Hammering home the contrast between himself and the Republicans, Clinton toured New Hampshire on Saturday, drawing huge, enthusiastic crowds in icy

The first Democratic incumbent to be unopposed for his party's presidential nomination since 1944. Clinton has seen his approval ratings rise and he is currently forecast to beat any Republican comfortably.



World chess champion Garry Kasparov glances up during his match against IBM's Deep Blue in Philadelphia on Saturday.

PHILADELPHIA (Reuter) - The human won, and he thrust his arms high into the air, cheered by spectators whose dignity he had owed to uphold.

But as brain triumphed over processor chips in the historic chess challenge match between world champion Garry Kasparov and an IBM supercomputer called Deep Blue, even the humans behind the machine were celebrat-

In the week-long battle that ended on Saturday night, Kasparov avoided becoming the first champion to lose a classic chess match to a computer program, although he did concede

game that shook the chess world and his ego. He called it "the most humiliating experi-

The scientists who spent six years developing Deep Blue sent a warning that the day was nearer when one of their programs might beat a world champion in a match played under regular tournament conditions. They built a system capable of calculating 50 billion chessboard positions within three minutes that seriously challenged the man considered to be the strongest player in the history of the ancient game.

The sponsor, the Association Computing Machinery (ACM), was delighted at landing at the center of an event that almost overshadowed the convention marking the 50th anniversary of the first computer - known by its acronym ENIAC - at the

University of Pennsylvania. "We have to learn from our experience here so that we can improve the design of computers and apply this knowledge to problems that are more related to our practical lives," said C.J. Tan, senior manager of IBM's parallel processing unit.

The six-game match from Feb. 10 to 17 also demonstrated the growing impact of computers in million "hits" on IBM's Internet website in one weekend.

"Only chess and such a competition could bring the whole world to pay such close attention," said Kasparov, who lost the first game, won three and drew the other two for a final match victory of 4-2.

"I feel I did a good job for chess first and probably for mankind. I still believe we should cooperate with the machines and implement our way of thinking and benefit from that rather than take a hostile view," said the Russian grandmaster, who described the match as a challenge to defend human dignity against the domination of com-

Balkan leaders stick by peace plan

ROME (AP) - Balkan leaders yesterday made promises to stick by the peace plan that halted the Bosnian war, international mediators said, defusing a potential cri-

The announcement came after 25 hours of intense negotiations at an emergency summit.

We prevented a situation that could have jeopardized the Dayton said Richard agreement, said Richard Holbrooke, the US assistant secretary of state who convened the parties to Rome and led efforts to reach the peace agreement last December outside the Ohio city.

Holbrooke said the talks had produced agreements on the key flashpoints that brought them on. namely disputes on unifying the divided cities of Mostar and Sarajevo and Bosnian Serb anger over the arrest of two Bosnian Serb officers suspected of war

The Bosnian Serbs agreed to resume contacts with NATO, which they had suspended after the arrest and extradition to The.

Hague of the officers. "Nothing was given in exchange for this. They did this on their

own," Holbrooke said. Bosnian Moslems and Croats

agreed to settle the administration of Mostar and cantons in the area around the southwestern city. The issue of Mostar is considered crucial because it is a testing ground for the Croat-Moslem fed-

eration, an alliance designed to balance the Bosnian Serb republic. The parties also provided "assurance to Serbs in Sarajevo that...their freedoms will be protected." Holbrooke said. "They do

not need to leave Sarajevo." He said the president of Bosnia. Alija Izetbegovic, and of Yugoslavia, Slobodan Milosevic, had agreed to set up a telephone

hotline. Croats in Mostar have refused to accept a central district jointly administered with Moslems. as envisaged by European Union administrator Hans Koschnick. The historic city, heavily damaged by war, is divided in Croat and Moslem sectors.

Poles vote on privatization **MONIKA SCISLOWKSA**

POLES appeared to be turning out in low numbers yesterday to vote on a privatization program in a referendum that has left many of them baffled.

The referendum asks whether they want to continue with a privatization program begun last year, whether they want to expand it or whether privatization proceeds should be used to pay state debts to pensioners and civil servants

and to finance a new pension fund. Its supporters say it offers "the last chance to create a middle class in Poland," while detractors brand it a simplistic test of whether Poles want to be content and prosperous.

Polls before the referendum the questions and suggested the still president.

turnout of more than 50 percent required for a valid vote may not be reached.

Correspondents of the Polish news agency PAP reported a much lower turnout in many voting stations yesterday compared to the presidential election in November, when the turnout was about 65 percent.

The results are not expected until tomorrow at the earliest. Lech Walesa, the former president and Solidarity leader, voted in his hometown of Gdanks on the

Baltic coast "This is the most important thing for Poles since the Russian army left Poland (in 1993)," said Walesa, who first suggested the

Miracle child returned after 2-year ordeal

THERE was a time when South Africans couldn't escape photographs of baby Micaela Hunter. She was stolen from her mother's arms and out of a Johannesburg hospital nearly two years ago, and her tiny face seemed to be everywhere - peering out at newspaper readers, dangling from posters tied to telephone polls, flashed on the evening news.

Micaela was back with her family this weekend after a woman confessed to having abducted the child to raise as her own. But pictures were hard to come by - Micaela and her parents Bruce and Alison Hunter were in seclusion, trying to cope with the miracle of a

"We are still total strangers to her," Bruce

JOHANNESBURG

Hunter told state television Friday, the day police returned his daughter. "You can see she's scared. She's not sure where she is, but she is clinging to Alison and maybe there's a feeling there, like a sixth sense."

The Hunters allowed only the Sunday newspaper Rapport, to whom they had sold rights to papers yesterday made do with fuzzy shots of Alison Hunter at the door of her home, of the woman accused of abducting her hiding under a blanket as she was driven to court, of a

younger Micaela spirited out of the home where she had lived for the past 22 months. The 25-year-old woman who admitted taking the child appeared in court for a preliminary bearing Friday, but has not yet been charged. She could face up to 15 years in prison for

child theft. The woman's breakup with a boyfriend who thought he was Micaela's father apparently forced her to confess. Police said the man had wanted to adopt the child, and became suspibirth certificate. They argued, and after hearing the abduction story, the man took blond-

haired, blue-eyed Micaela to a police station.

Turkey coalition talks hit snag

Islamists and their would-be coalition partners yesterday unex-pectedly put off key coalition talks, the latest hitch in marathon negotiations to form a government after inconclusive polls last December.

The Islamist Welfare Party (RP) announced a 24-hour postponement in the negotiations, which had been expected to seal a coalition deal with the right-wing secu-

Welfare took 21 percent of bal-

An RP official refused to give a reason for the postponment but denied that the talks, between Islamist leader Necmettin Erbakan and ANAP head Mesut

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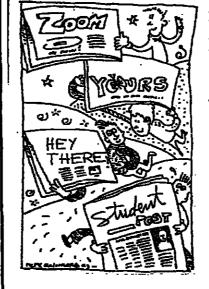
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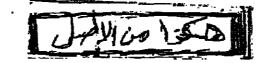


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Israeli leads Pittsburgh Symphony - with a pen 2,650-seat Heinz Hall, "In the

he oft-told success story -Israelis excelling in the international world of classical music - has a new

Gideon Toeplitz has made it to the top behind the scenes, as executive vice president and managing director of the Pittsburgh Symphony Society.

Last week was one of the most exciting his life. On Monday the 1551-year-old celebrated his eldest daughter Shira's bat mitzva atop Masada. The following evening "his orchestra gave its first performance here in its 100-year histo-

The Pittsburgh Symphony con-"certs in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv also marked the first time that Toeplitz was able to return to his native land on a professional

In between those events, Toeplitz explained how he made it to the Major Leagues of US

The son of Un Toeplitz, longtime principal flutist with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, he also played the flute as a

But I realized very soon that I was not keen on playing Brahms's Second Symphony with conductors coming and going. I wanted something more exciting than orchestra playing."

in 1970 Toeplitz approached Zubin Mehta with the idea of studying orchestra management. He sent me to Los Angeles, where he was music director at the time, for a six-month study program within the LA Philharmonic.

"He was great and amanged everything for me. But when that half year was over, I realized that despite all the knowledge I gamed, I actually didn't know anything."

So. Toeplitz enrolled in

UCLA's arts management program, the first of its kind in the US, and in two years received his master's degree in business administration.

"When I finished my studies in 1973 there was no job in Israel for me. It was hard to accept that, but I sent my resumé to 40 orchestras and three
Vancouver, Baltimore and
Rochester, New York – were interested." He landed a position in Rochester.

"It was a great place to start," he says. "Nobody knew much there so I

could make all the mistakes without anybody noticing."

SOON enough Toeplitz's name was mentioned in higher musical circles. "I got offers from the Cleveland Orchestra and from

the New York Philharmonic but I did not want to live in either of those cities. Finally I moved in 1975 to Boston," where he became the Boston Symphony's Orchestra manager. "It was the time of my life," he says, "the

time in which I grew. After five years in Boston, Toeplitz moved south. For six tough years, he was executive director of the Houston Symphony Orchestra.

"It was a bad time for the local economy as oil prices fell," he explains. "I had to solve crises and make sure the orchestra survived. I couldn't take it forward at all.

By 1987 Toeplitz had had enough. Nothing could have excited him more than the offer from Pittsburgh. "My wife is a Pittsburgh native, which made it even nicer," he notes.

Toeplitz has turned the Pittsburgh Symphony into one of the most solidly organized orchestras in the US, while music director Lorin Maazel has led the musicians to the forefront of the American music scene.

Now that Maazel is about to leave Pittsburgh. Toeplitz has secured the services of exceptional young Russian maestro Maris Jansons, despite offers to him from six other orchestras. Pittsburgh

Today the Pittsburgh Symphony is a \$24 million-peryear operation. For a city of 2.1 million, this is very impressive, Toeplitz says, adding that the Boston Symphony's annual budget is \$45 million.

The Pittsburgh orchestra has 15,000 subscribers to its regular series plus 8,000 more to its popmusic series, which is directed Ol' Green Eyes is back

n 1948 there were some 700

el-Jamal desert camp in

prisoners of war in the Umm

Jordan. They had a wind-up phonograph and a single record-

ing of Yaffa Yarkoni singing "Green Eyes," the first recording

-They'd crank up the phono-

graph and play the record over and over, says Yarkoni. "It kept

them going, they told me. Now they're all going back there for a

reunion, and they want me to

She may or may not go, but that same song is one of 15 on

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Yarkoni, the CD that celebrates

her 70th birthday. Due for release on February 23, these are new arrangements of her favorite

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early '80s the orchestra was selling out. Now we are at about 80 per-

cent capacity with 15% of the

tickets going to non-sub-scribers," says Toeplitz.

much better because the 100th

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and everyone wants to hear

Toeplitz rules out the possibili-

"This season we are doing

back. I come here a lot but I won't be able to live and work here; it's an entirely different

Bump like this is really a grind

ADINA HOFFMAN

Nomi Malone Elizabeta Decadore Zack Carey Kyle MacLachlan Cristal Connors Glean Planmaer

he hilariously awful T&A spectacular Showgirls is just the first in a series of Las Vegas pictures slated to open here in the coming months. (Martin Scorsese's Casino and Mike Figgis's Leaving Las Vegas are both on their way.) Before reckoning with the movie's own particular brand of scannily clad. absurdity, it seems fair to ask a more general question, hamely: Why does that crass Nevada gambling strip loom so large in the Hollywood imagination?

ed or en tively simple. Money, sex and fantasy are the currency in both Las Vegas and Hollywood; both towns hold out the promise of overnight success and the threat of sudden failure. And Vegas may be the only city on earth where showmanship, ruthlessness and shameless opportunism hold more sway than in Tinseltown itself. In other words, the sordidness and garish flash of the place provide commercial American filmmakers a warped but flattering mirror in which to view them-

selves. When it comes to Showgirls an inadvertent hoot from start to finish - the world's gambling capital also offers director Paul Verhoeven and screenwriter Joe Eszterhas (the squeaky-clean team who brought us Basic Instinct) a chance to justify themselves and their obsession with all things cynical and exhibitionist. The rampant sleaze they depict - here is, you understand, all in the name of documentary accuracy.

At the start of the movie, Nomi Maione (Elizabeth Berkley) hitches a ride into Vegas. After pulling a switchblade on the man who has kindly rescued her from the side of the road, this blonde Amazon with the wide, wet smile and piggish little nose announces that she's heading for the bright lights because "I'm gonna

Soon enough, she gets to demonstrate her technique at the Cheetah Club, a "class joint" in the words of its lecherous, pockmarked owner. Nomi's duties at the Cheetah include flailing in a G-string, bumping and licking a metal pole, and accompanying customers into a darkened back



room where she executes a naked lap dance. (Although the movie is rated NC-17, children under 17 not admitted, viewers in search of a turn-on may be disappointed. The film's many nude scenes have all the erotic flair of an aerobics class performed in the buff. The cumulative effect is numb-

ing.)
But Nomi, her eyes gleaming. pelvis thrusting, aspires to more: with alarming self-importance, the film follows her rise through the chorus of a topless Casino floor-show called "Goddess," in which gold lame cosumes figure promi-nently, as do long, blonde wigs. fog machines and the emption of the barely clothed diva-Cristal Connors (Gina Gershon), from a papier-maché volcano. By the end of the movie, Nomi has both flirted with and ousted the villatious Cristal, stolen her man (Kyle MacLachlan) and become the sparkling deity herself. Then she too has the opportunity to burst from the molten mound at

centerstage and be cruel to her understudy. Bisexual overtones aside, the

lifted directly from an old Warners musical like 42nd Street or Gold Diggers of 1933 - those genial backstage romps in which the sweet-faced heroine was an unknown. virginal (!) chorus girl, called upon at the last minute to replace the wicked prima donna who, a mere hour before showtime, broke her ankle or was

beamed by a sandbag.
Remarkably, though, Showgirls
manages to hold fast to all these dog-eared stage-door cliches as it banishes every last trace of the corny fun and bright optimism that typified the Busby Berkeley genre. It's a mean, tawdry movie and a confused one at that. Verhoeven and Eszterhas obviously think that they're doing something really daring here, something that will shock audi-ences and titillate them. But if Showgirls offers anything new, it's merely a record-breaking level of pretension: never has a crummy exploitation picture taken itself quite so seriously. We keep waiting for the filmmakers to relax and grin and

perhaps their heroine's "natural talent," which is referred to frequently, is a joke, a satirical euphemism for her readiness to take off her panties and writhe.

But no. In the end, Showgirls isn't ironic at all. It's a celebration of Nomi's "tenacity," a self-discovery quest! So what has she discovered about her so-called self? That if you want to succeed. you really will have to step on other people, threaten them with knives or push them down the stairs. And the movie gets really kooky in the last few minutes when, after rewarding the heroine for being heartless and backstabbing, it offers her a kind of nonsensical, wham-bam redemption. Stardom achieved, Nomi is now free to hitchhike out of town.

In her screen debut, Elizabeth Berkley is certainly emphatic. As she bumps and grinds and swivels and sweats, she resembles a jackhammer operator caught in an electrical storm. The film takes its rhythmic cues from her hyperactive manner and is, in this way, exhausting.

grandchildren. The baby is the third for daughter Ruth and singer Meir Suissa, with whom she sings "Green Eyes." Middle daughter Tami has two and Ha'aretz journalist Orit Shohat has three. Yarkoni and her family are very close. She's never abroad when another grandchild

HELEN KAYE

She settles herself down on one of her comfortable armchairs and pushes over an elegant, subtly painted box. "Japanese cookies." she says. "Friends brought them

for me. Elegant and earthy, sophisticated and warm altogether, Yarkoni is comfortable with people and they with her. She shows a sheaf of snapshots fans have sent her from Japan, where she last sang four years ago.

She enjoys talking, and has an inexhaustible store of anecdotes, like the time she sang "Jerusalem of Gold" in Spanish at an international arts festival in Argentina. The people crowded around the stage as she sang, and when they heard the word lerusalem, they crossed themselves.

Or that last trip to Japan, her fifth, when she did 10 programs in about as many days. She showed slides of biblical sites and sang biblical songs. She explained the pictures and the songs "in Japanese which I learned phonetically. At the end I sang 'Hava Nagila' in Japanese. and the audience came on stage

and sang it with me." She's sung "Hava Nagila" in English and Hebrew of course. but also in Spanish, Arabic. and even Swahili when she sang in Kenya about five years ago. In the last six years she's also been to the US. South America and

Europe, including some trips on behalf of the Foreign Office.

Traveling, and the cosseting she gets abroad, "gives me strength to come back here. Show business is never easy, but in the '40s, '50s and '60s there was a different attitude to artists. Today you can sometimes stand backstage and they don't even offer you a glass of water."

Yarkoni was born and raised in Tel Aviv to a family that had come here by camel from the Caucasus.

To support the family, her mother Malka opened Cafe Tzlil in Tel Aviv. Everybody came, even the British, and Yaffa sang for them. She went right on singing through the War of Independence, with songs like "Green Eyes," "Ha'aminu Yom Yavo" (Believe the Day Will Come) and "Dudu," and then through every war after that.

Her trophy room has photographs covered from floor to ceiling of Yarkoni with the world's great, from statesmen to movie stars. It also has pictures of her at the front, but she dislikes being called "the singer of four wars," a name she says the press invented.

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She continues to sing her old songs at her many concerts here and abroad, but there are always new ones too, including a spoof of herself that Haim Hefer. who's written many of her lyrics. wrote for her.

"Already a grandmother, she still sings love-songs in a nightclub," she recites delightedly. "Is there a city in the world you haven't seen? Maybe it's

When she does, and it's not a prospect that chills her, "I'll take young singers and train them to become performers," she says.

beams and enumerates the Oren signs a limited deal with the opera

onductor Daniel Oren will conduct one production each year at the New Israeli Opera through the year 2000, the NIO announced on Sunday. The first will be La Boheme for the 1997/98 season, followed by Lucia di Lammermoor and Tosca in 1998/99 and 1999/2000 respec-

The NIO has been wooing Oren since he conducted the hugely successful Nabucco in

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1994, Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo was one of those who unsuccessfully trekked to Rome last summer to try and talk the Israeli conductor into becoming NIO music director, a move which led to the resignation of the the current director, Gary Bertini. Oren, who lives is Rome, is

one of the most sought after opera conductors around.

He works regularly at Rome,

Verona and Naples operas among others. The production of La Boheme will recreate the original staging by Franco Zeffirelli for La Scala in Milan.

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American cable show on Israel makes 'aliya'

srael Sunday isn't a long weekend. It's a cable TV current-affairs program — half in Hebrew, half in English - that has been running for a year in the US.

Last month, IS production moved to Israel, because "access to material, events, and personalities is easier, better, and faster here, says IS founder and president Guy Jacobson.

"Another reason for the move, although some segments of the show will continue to be filmed in New York, is that the US Jewish community is too segmented and too geographically separated to produce good Jewish coverage that will interest everyone," he says. "Israel is really the only common denominator.

"The show gives a macro view of Israel and the Middle East. Our audience is mainly Jews. both Americans and Israeli yordim [emigrants), but we also have many non-lewish

IS encompasses regional and Israeli politics, culture, economics, business, tourism, and

HELEN KAYE

even real estate. Last year, about 300,000 people tuned in to the weekly program "which makes us one of the biggest Jewish media in

the US," Jacobson says.

Three of the locally shot programs have already been aired in the US "and we've received very positive feedback," Jacobson says, adding that IS is using only local talent, including mime Julian Chagrin and his wife Rolanda, who have their own (comical) corner every week.

Israel Sunday is structured something like Good Morning America, with two main anchors, and, Jacobson explains, experts hosting the different spots. Recent English-language segments have included interviews with Abba Eban, social affairs minister Ora Namir, and the prime minister of Pakistan, Benazir

A 10th-generation Israeli, the tall, blue-eyed

Jacobson grew up in Herzliya, graduated from Berkeley Law School, and practiced corporate law in a Wall Street law firm until recently. when he gave up his practice to run IS full

He has had 12 books published, their subject matters ranging from poetry to satire. He is currently working on "a crazy comedy screenplay. Yes, I do have creative input into the show and I'm the chief editor."

IS is broadcast every Sunday over the international cable channel ICN and is picked up by more than 100 regional cable stations. The show's potential audience is a mind-boggling eight million people. Jacobson would like to expand to a daily format, but "for that we need an investor."

He's also negotiating to air the English-language segments on local cable TV because there's no quality English programming

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Incitement it is not

THERE is nothing unusual about the invective used in the bitter controversy over Jerusalem. The Likud's charge that Labor is conducting talks which will inevitably lead to the division of Jerusalem is perfectly legitimate. and so is Labor's indignant denial.

What is utterly illegitimate and unacceptable is to brand the Likud charges "incitement." To incite is to commit a felony. To accuse a political party of such a crime is insidious under any circumstances. To do so after Yitzhak Rabin's assassination is to associate the Likud with the murder - particularly when the charge is coupled with a sudden revelation of death threats against Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid.

It would be far more respectful of the public's intelligence to address the substance of the charge. That Peres is denying the very existence of talks about Jerusalem with the Palestinians hardly enhances his credibility. It recalls the time he denied the existence of his own letter to the late Norwegian foreign minister Jurgen Holst, in which he promised that the activities of Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem would be allowed to continue. The simple fact is that such talks have been taking place, that they are authorized by Minister Yossi Beilin, Peres's confidant, and that they are led by the academics who cooked up the Oslo formula in 1993. Participants on both sides have openly confirmed this.

If there is anything the government can deny with some semblance of credibility it is that these talks explicitly aim at the actual division of the city. Although the Palestinian participants seem to realize that the talks lead to the city's partition, the Israeli representatives apparently still hope to "share" the city, establishing two sovereignties in it - something they euphemistically call an administrative division - without actually cutting the city in half.

But such ideas are no more than a pipe dream. It is doubtful a city can be shared by two governments even if they are both democracies. To have a border-less sharing arrangement between a democracy on the one side and a police state on the other is unthinkable.

The Likud has an even stronger argument when it points to the facts on the ground. The

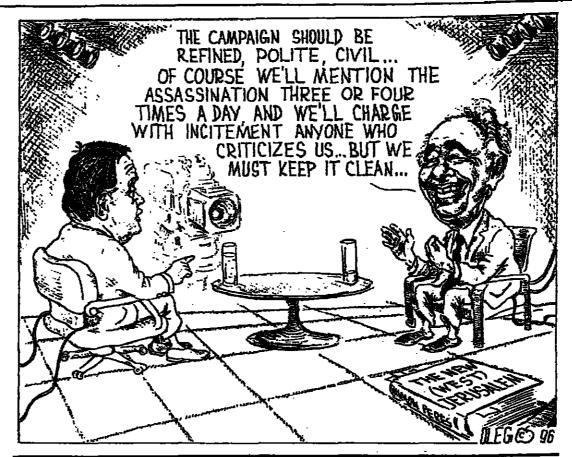
government has the legal means to close down Orient House, which serves as the Palestinian Authority's foreign ministry. (Rabin once said that if Orient House became the PA's foreign ministry, the Oslo process would be summarily terminated.) Nor is this activity waning. In the past two months the PA's acting foreign minister Faisal Husseini has had more meetings with representatives of foreign governments in Orient House than in any similar period before. Yet the government is unlikely to meet Mayor Ehud Olmert's challenge to close the building by the

end of the month, nor limit its activities. Nor will the government shut down any of the other PA offices in the city, including those representing the ministries of economics, religion, health, energy, housing, veterans affairs and the water authority.

Hassan Tahbouh, the PA's religion minister, emphasized the significance of the choice of Jerusalem when the ministry's office was established in 1994. "No one can deny the efforts of president Arafat's in defending Palestine in general and Jerusalem in particular," he stated. "Therefore Jerusalem has been chosen to serve as the headquarters of this ministry." Yet Shahal last night flatly denied the existence of these offices, with the same vehemence Peres used to deny the existence of the talks.

Nor is this all. The police have arrested a couple of Jibril Rajoub's policemen acting as law enforcers in the city, and the Arab municipal council Arafat tried to revive has been neutralized. But hundreds of Rajoub's policemen are still active in the city, and courts which act as arbiters in the Arab community and in cases involving Arabs and Israelis are still functioning. And, as former OC northern command Yitzhak Mordechai pointed out last night, the government has halted all Jewish construction in the eastern part of the city, while Arab construction, both legal and illegal is proceeding without government interference.

The Likud's charge is eminently pertinent. Too many signs indicate that Labor is unlikely to let the Jerusalem issue become an obstacle in reaching a final status agreement with the PLO. And Israelis must have an opportunity to derive. cide, without being threatened with charges of incitement, if dividing Jerusalem is a price they are willing to pay for such an agreement.



Only Assad has time

yria's President Assad has successfully managed to string along both Americans and Israelis, who seem to have accepted his conception, style and

negotiating tactics.

What exactly is Assad's style? Well, he's taking his time. The Golan Heights doesn't head his list of foreign policy priorities. And his purpose? He isn't prepared to develop a warm peace with Israel under any conditions. He's no King Hussein; he isn't even a Yasser Arafat.

Assad is a tyrant of the old school - clandestine, securityminded, anachronistic, rigid. He is more concerned with perpetuating his totalitarian rule than with opening the gates of Damascus to I-raeli businessmen and to the Americans, bringing McDonalds in their wake.

He rules by virtue of domination by his security services - for how else could the minority Alawite sect, despised by Moslems generally, continue to rule?

Any effort on Assad's part to warm up the relationship with Israel would be detrimental to his

What this means is that however hard Shimon Peres and his advisers knock on Assad's door. however obsequiously they behave, Assad's determination will not bend. Whatever is in the Alawite interest, that for Assad constitutes the national i mierest.

And Assad will zealously defend his patrimony. He will, for example, never agree to symmetrical withdrawals of IDF and Syrian forces, which would bring his troops back close to

Concerning water rights, Peres must surely remember from the days when he was a junior member of Ben-Gurion's cabinet and a great devotee of Moshe Dayan, that the conflict between Israel and Syria in the 1950s was over the domination of water resources. Why should Assad be more

accommodating in the 1990s than the less ruthless generals who ruled Syria in the 1950s? Personal security is an article of AMOS PERLMUTTER

faith of all Arab dictators, including newly elected dictator Yasser Arafat. It was so with Egypt's Nasser, and is so with all Arab military leaders, most conspicuously Saddam Hussein.

Prime Minister Peres has admitted that "water is to a country like weapons to an army." Obsessed with the threat of missiles, how can Peres be sure that a symmetrical withdrawal of Israeli and Syrian troops would guarantee that no Syrian missiles could reach Haifa?

Hot pursuit of the cold peace that already exists with Syria

PERES'S goal is clear. He wants to win the election - before the promised Golan referendum takes place. So he is in a hurry. So is US Secretary of State Christopher, who will wind up his tenure regardless of who wins the 1996 presidential elections.

Christopher is also obsessed with a Syrian deal. It is remarkable that the secretary of State of the US has traveled twice China, not much more to Russia and 18 times to Damascus. Why this singular honor to

Syria, a country peripheral to American interests, over the central targets of US foreign policy, China and Russia?

The Middle East is no longer a football between the US and the dead Soviet Union, and the threat of nuclear eruption no longer emanates from it. It is nuclear proliferation which should be the US's concern, and this relates to Iran and Iraq, rather than Syria. Clearly, the secretary's priorities

are skewed. Assad has been emboldened by the dramatic changes in Russian foreign policy, and by the appoint-

ment of the Arabist Yevgeny Primakov as foreign minister. Russia will be playing a more significant role in Arab-Israeli conflict resolution, even if it is more friendly to Israel than the Soviet Union ever was.

Monday, February 19, 1996

For Peres, advancing the negoti-ations with Syria is a matter of his and his party s career. Were Peres, historically a hawk, now in the opposition, I doubt whether he would advocate returning the

Last but not least, let us not for-

will give Peres a mandate to make the kind of concessions he has aiready made verbally and otherwise. The personal alliance between Christopher and Peres, defined by their own ambitions, does not reflect real Israeli-American national interests.

Arab Middle East is still volatile and unstable. Syria is Lebanon writ large, a mosaic of antagonistic religious and ethnic groups ruled by Assad's iron fist

and tomorrow's realities will affect Israel's northern border.

a peace of questionable political value, since, for all intents and purposes, there already is a cold peace between Israel and Syria. Why change the status quo

mainly to one side? Israel's peace treaty with Jordan is warm, strategic, and serves the interests of both parties. A peace treaty with Syria will be at the expense of Israel's security, serving only to strengthen Assad's

Hands

SHLOMO AVINERI

the Board of Governors of the lewish Agency is meeting this week in Jerusalem. Among the items on its agenda is a proposal for a drastic change in its organizational structures dealing with the main reservoir of aliya to Israel - the former Soviet Union (FSU).

This is the wrong time to start tittkering with a structure which may need reforming - like any other bureaucratic structure - but has been instrumental in bringing more than 600,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union to Israel and continues to be responsible for an aliya which has stabilized over the last four years at around 60,000-70,000 immigrants a year.

But the issue is not the organi-

zation itself or its chains of command; it is one of politics.

Russia is currently experiencing a period of uncertainty and instability. Reforms have, for all practical purposes, collapsed; the last reformers have been squeezed out of power, and the process of democratization is stuck.

President Yeltsin, once the icon of democrats and reformers, has thrown in his lot with the nationalist and authoritarian forces of Russian society.

Moreover, in the presidential elections to be held on June 16, it is far from certain that even such an alliance with the authoritarian forces in Russia will ensure Yeltsin's reelection. In the parliamentary elections last December. his party barely managed to pass the 5 percent hurdle.

It is conceivable that the next Russian President will be the Communist Gennady Zyuganov, or the arch-nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky. It is equally conceivable that in order to forestall defeat, Yeltsin may postpone the elections and do away with the vestiges of what is left of democracy in Russia.

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Yeltsin's own precarious health is another question mark hovering over stability. ALL THIS should not cause undue

alarm on a strategic level. Communism as a world power is dead, and the Soviet Union as we knew it in the years of the Cold War will not - cannot - be revived. But a period of instability, intermil strife, even civil wat (Yeltsin's own words last week

Let us not endanger the future of the Jews still left in Russia

when announcing his candidacy) should not be ruled out. Under such circumstances, many Jews may feel uneasy, insecure and threatened - which could lead them to try and get out, quickly and en masse.

In such a situation, it is important that Israel, and the Jewish people, be ready. An existing structure able to handle massive pressure for aliya under semiemergency conditions is already in place. The best of administrative reforms needs a testing period of one to two years.

If the existing system were to be replaced by another - even one that is theoretically better, the Jewish people could find itself in summer 1996 with the existing system dismantled, and the new one not yet in place.

History will not be merciful in judging those responsible for mying out alternative administrative theories in a moment of a possible. and quite foreseeable, emergency, Of course, things may turn out less dramatic than envisaged. Bilt

nobody knows. The next 5 or 6 months will be the most cricial for the history of Russia - and for the fate of its Jewish community: This is no time for experiments. The agency's Board of Governors should postpone any discussion of

administrative reorganization (involving hundreds of emissaries and scores of existing centers) until the outcome of the Russian elections is known. In doing this, it will cause no

great harm. On the contrary: It could avert a historic blunder, at a crucial moment of Jewish destiny.

The writer, professor of political science at the Hebrew University, is this year's recipient of the Israel Prize and member of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency.

POSTSCRIPT I

SUITORS UNSURE about the commitment they are making have taken to renting engage. ment rings in case things don't

WORK OUTcold feet," said Eric Disz, manager of a Rent-A-Center store in Boston. "If they don't like them. [the new fiance] they separate and return the ring." .

Diaz said that of the 75 coors his branch reated out in 199 were returned

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

JAFFA'S FISHERMEN

funds are being spent on transform-

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into a modern work place for more

managers and secretaries, computer-

ized systems, air-conditioning and

reserved parking, the only people

benefiting from all this are the pub-

to minimal resources, the 240 fisher-

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storage space, an ineffective gar-

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situation which leaves much to be

When will the ministers of trans-

port, agriculture and finance accept

the fishermen and tradesmen of Jaf-

fa port as an integrated and insepara-

ble part of the greater Israeli society

and honor their promises to them? A

first step would be professionally

CANADIANS IN UNDOF

caption accompanying the photo-

graph of the Japanese soldiers on the

front page of your February 4 issue.

I am concerned that this caption may

have encouraged your readers to

think that the entire Canadian con-

tingent was leaving the UN Disen-

gagement Observer Force (UN-DOF) on the Golan Heights. In point

of fact, the Japanese contingent will

form only a small part of the logis-

tics organization which will contin-

ue to include some 187 Canadians.

ing with the Japanese in the provi-

sion of logistics support for UNDOF

and we remain completely commit-

ted to the peace process in the Mid-

COMMENDATION

Amnon Ben-David, director of Ma-

gen David Adom's blood services, for destroying the blood donated by

the Jews from Ethiopia, he should

be given an official commendation

for preventing tens, perhaps scores.

of innocent Israelis from becoming

infected with the HIV (Aids) virus.

Canadian Ambassador to Israel

Sir, - instead of suspending Dr.

DAVID BERGER,

MACABEÉ DEAN

dle East.

Tel Aviv.

Ramat Gan.

Canadians look forward to work-

Sir, - I noted with interest the

HARI RINGER.

Jaffa Port

functioning management.

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lic servants themselves.

Sir. - While the ancient port of Jaffa is known as one of the oldest ports in the world, visited by hundreds of thousands of Israelis and foreign guests every year and its name appears on every geographical map throughout ancient and modern times, its small but active fishermen's community enjoys little to none of this attention. Very much to the contrary, and for generations, this hard-working group producing thousands of tons of seafood for the Israeli market has endured most difficult conditions.

For years, the representatives of the Fishermen's Union, headed by Uri Sharon, tried in vain to rectify the situation. They only received promises which were never honored by previous management. Mismanagement since 1993 is worse than ever. The port manager Joseph Ovad (known for his involvement and controversial court appearance in the Herzliya Marina affair) and the port comptroller David Zur were unfortunately put in charge of this important port and its community. The present situation in the port reveals their inability to function as

required.

While large amounts of public

OLEG CARTOON

Sir, - I was shocked by and I strongly resent Oleg's cartoon published in the Post of February 5. Picturing Bibi and his newly found partner Raful as Don Quixote de la Mancha and Sancho Panza is an insult to these wonderful and innocent characters, to Cervantes and to Spanish literature.

How could you ever compare the sophisticated, opportunistic manipulators of the Israeli right to the defenders of human rights of Cervantes?

HENRIQUE DAVID FRENKEL Kiryat Tivon.

SKIING

Sir, - In her article of February 20 on Club Med's winter resorts, Judy Rabinowitz does not mention crosscountry skiing but only downhill skiing.

Cross-country skiing is so popular in Europe that Club Med operates it in all its winter villages. Among its numerous advantages is the fact that cross-country skiing is not dangerous: you can fall as much as you want without breaking anything and you can practice it at any

Tel Aviv.

ROLAND KOSTER

NEW COMPUTERS AT THE 'POST' Sir, - I am in general appreciative

of the column of Daniel Baum. His comments on computer programs are pragmatic and informative. But I got confused by his column of February 4, where he explained the Post's new computerized layout system. At one place he writes: 'Hopefully, you will not have noticed any difference." At another place, he states: "The pages pro-duced actually look better then they used to."

As far as I am concerned: I did notice that headlines on more and more inner pages and one day even on the front page had begun looking squeezed. I suspect that the new and sophisticated expensive system has one serious and quite silly handicap: it seems it can only handle the biggest headline fonts when they are made more or less square: the elegant Times Roman has to be curtailed in order to use at least the width which the system allows, which does not exactly add to its style and quite ruins the impression

of a whole page.

BEATE ZILVERSMIDT Holon.

THE CAPITAL OF THE NETHERLANDS

Sir, - The question put almost daily to the Netherlands Embassy in Tel Aviv is about the capital of the Netherlands: is it Amsterdam or is it The Hague? The correct answer is: Amsterdam is the capital. The Hague is the city where the government is located.

This typical Dutch compromise has its roots in an century-old development. Already in the Middle Ages, The Hague was the home base for the most powerful local noblemen: the counts of Holland. In those days, The Netherlands was not a single nation but a loose collection of seven provinces: from 1579 to 1795 these provinces were governed from The Hague.

The real economic and political power was to be found in Amsterdam, which was then one of the most important cities in the world. In 1814, after the occupation by Napoleon's army, the Netherlands was established as a united country. The 1814 constitution reflected this practice and Amsterdam became the national capital while The Hague remained the center of government and parliament to this day.

ROBERT SCHUDDEBOOM. First Secretary, Royal Netherlands Embassy

Likud and Tsomet was a

In recent weeks, there have been highly publicized reports of police investigations of several Tsomet leaders, including Rafael Eitan. It would surely have been more prudent for Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu to have delayed the merger to see how these investigations proceed. As a party, Tsomet is undeniably

disintegrating rapidly.

From a maximum of 16 seats it

Eitan himself has been virtually eliminated as a serious political figure, polling 2-5 percent in his bid for the premiership, compared to 20-25 percent two years

hend how the merger with Tsomet will generate additional "synergetic" support for the Likud and Netanyahu.

IT IS no less difficult to comprehend how the new array of "talent" the Likud has acquired through the merger will aid it in its bid either to win voter support prior to the elections, or to promote its political principles following them. After all, the present Tsomet leadership has proved itself an unmitigated political fail-

fore, why there has been so much talk of the exorbitant price Netanyahu paid for the merger. In this respect, one aspect appears to have been somewhat overlooked - the financial aspect. According to recent polls, the ioint Likud-Tsomet list will get

It is quite understandable, there-

Likud-Tsomet union: A futile attempt at

of the seats promised to Tsomet

members, there will be fewer

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For the excessive price paid to Tsomet cannot fail to arouse resentment among a significant number of Likud candidates, who will be inevitably forced into lower and apparently unrealistic positions on the joint list.

It is thus far from certain that the merger will achieve the intended internal harmony and marshal esprit de corps within Netanyahu's own party, or that it will raise collective morale on the eve of the crucial electoral con-

Perhaps the most puzzling aspect of a generally puzzling episode relates to a deficiency which has in fact been remedied albeit at the 11th hour.

It was only at the very last. moment, and under severe pressure from senior Likud MKs, that Netanyahu included a restraining clause in the agreement that (hopefully) precludes Tsomet from succumbing to its evident temptation of making a post-election alliance with the Labor Party, with which it has long been "flirting."

It seems almost incredible that Netanyahu failed to include such a clause in the final draft of the accord, and its absence seems to create an unfortunate impression of shoddy negligence and ill-considered haste. This impression Netanyahu in his efforts to generate voter confidence in his judgment and aptitude as national leader and responsible decision-

The writer is former secretary-

get the question of Syria after Assad. It will be an unstable and unpredictable country. No deal can guard against the consequences of a change in regime. I doubt that the Israeli electorate

Any peace with Assad must take account of Syria after Assad. The

This may not be true tomorrow,

At best, Peres might achieve the

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Merger of doubtful value

nly time will tell whether the merger between the stroke of bold leadership - or a blunder of monumental propor-

However, a brief assessment of some of the facts do not seem to augur well for the newly formed

With one exception - when the Citizens Rights Movement, Shinui, and Mapam merged to form Meretz - there is virtually no instance in which the amalgamation of two or more political parties of any significance brought the united faction more seats than those held by the individual parties separately.

received in polls held two years ago, it wins barely 4-6 today. In the all-party primaries, participation barely totaled 3.045 members (although party spokesmen claimed the figure was 8,000).

It is thus difficult to compre-

MARTIN SHERMAN

only 36 seats. If this is so, because

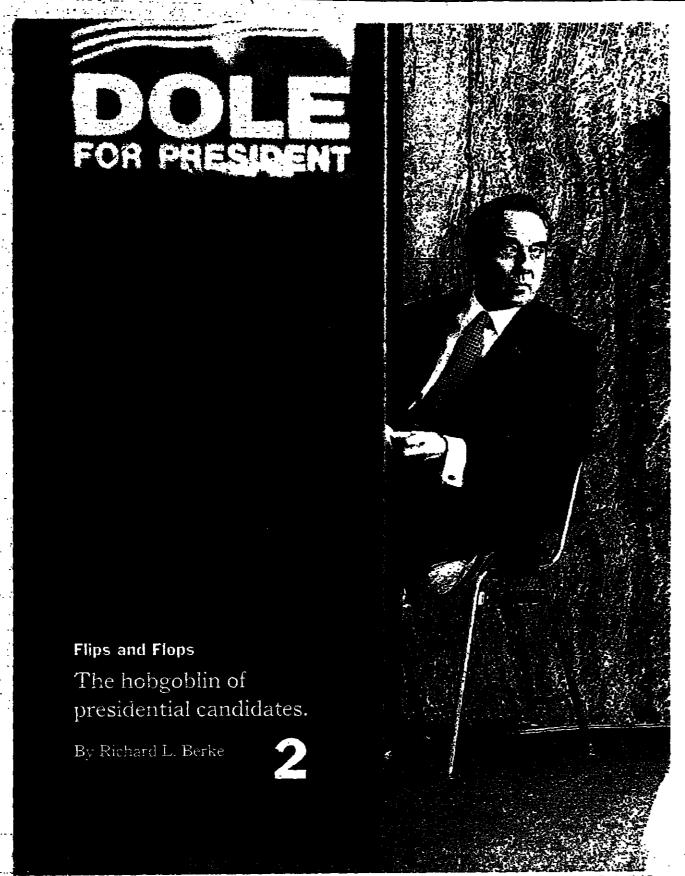
political alchemy

Likud representatives in the next Knesset than there are at the moment. This reduced quota will determine the amount of funding the Likud will receive during the next Knesset's term of office. By contrast, Tsomet, without effort or risk on its part, will enjoy greatly enhanced prosperity.

merger is to generate a spirit of unity and cohesiveness in the ranks of the "National Camp," it would appear that not all the relevant factors have been taken into

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Hollow Victory

Between past and future falls Afghanistan.

By John F. Burns

Hall to the Chief Knickknacks for Presidents' Day.

Photographs by Paul Hosefros

Nuclear Secrets

Telling the truth without blowing up the world.

By Matthew L. Wald

America's Burden

At Hour of Triumph, Democracy Recedes As the Global Ideal

By JUDITH MILLER

HROUGHOUT the world's longest experiment with democratic government, America has always thought of itself as morally obliged to export its way of life. What the White Man's Burden was to Kipling's generation of Englishmen, the promotion of democracy has been to four generations of Americans — the foreign policy equivalent of apple pie. Ever since Woodrow Wilson vowed to make the world safe for democracy, most Presidents have rhetorically endorsed this goal.

But now, less than a decade after democracy's greatest leap forward, the idea that America must promote it everywhere has lost some of its charm. Funds for encouraging elections overseas are drying up as the Clinton Administration struggles simply to secure peace in Bosnia, the Middle East and elsewhere. In part this reflects the reluctance of Americans to send their dollars abroad. But it also hints at a deeper change — a new sense that Americans doubt that every country in the world would be better off if only it had more democracy.

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Of course Washington's actions have often been inconsistent with its lofty words. Some American actions ignored democracy altogether and simply made a corner of the world safe for United Fruit. And when, during the cold war, Presidents from John F. Kennedy to Ronald Reagan proselytized for democracy, they did so selectively, and primarily to stop Communism.

Later, when the Soviet Union collapsed, the global triumph of democracy seemed for a while not only inevitable, but a laudable end in itself, a development that would, incidentally, enhance American national economic and security interests.

But is this true? A debate is now raging. To some extent, recent Administrations have had little choice but to embrace efforts to advance democracy abroad. Surprised by the democratic wave from Chile to South Africa after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Bush Administration went so far as to suggest that promoting democracy was a goal of its war to liberate Kuwait (which never was, and isn't now, democratic). Not to be outdone, President Clinton in 1993 created new posts in the State Department and National Security Council for the purpose of spreading democracy, and set up a committee to consolidate financing for such activities. He also proposed a 60 percent increase in funds for the National Endowment for Democracy, the foundation Congress created in the Reagan years to pay for fostering elections overseas, among other

Recently, however, supporters of such pro-democracy programs have found themselves lobbying to preserve the Endowment's \$35 million budget and prevent Congress from cutting the more than \$725 million that the Administration estimates that it has spent on democracy-related programs in fiscal 1995.

It seems unlikely that Congress will abandon direct promotion of democracy altogether. But many policy makers and private analysts now say they are less sanguine about democracy's prospects, more sober about the difficulty of promoting it and more skeptical about whether its triumph in several strategic countries would enhance American interests.

Mr. Clinton, too, has gradually de-emphasized the goal he once championed, says Thomas Carothers, a former State Department lawyer and senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "With the single exception of Haiti," Mr. Carothers recently wrote in The Washington Quarterly, "Clinton has not, relative to Bush, substantially increased the U.S. emphasis on democracy promotion in any country or region." Mr. Carothers, inciden-

Suddenly not every democrat is being portrayed as an ally, and not every ally as a democrat.

tally, thinks this is a sensible step toward realism.

What explains this unease? First, the democratic trend that seemed inevitable after Communism's fall has slowed, and in several regions has been reversed. Consider Yugoslavia, where elections meant only the end of the pluralism and tolerance that Americans take for granted as essentials of democracy. Or Poland and the Czech Republic, where voters disenchanted with slipshod administrations have elected former Communists to run their countries better. Or Russia, where the rise of ethnic, religious, and nationalist passions has led Washington to back Boris Yeltsin, the best of a bad lot of would-be czars-throughelection.

Fareed Zakaria, managing editor of the bi-monthly, Foreign Affairs, argues that while there are more signs of "democratization" — especially elections — there are fewer democracies. "Serbia held elections, reasonably fair elections," Mr. Zakaria writes in a forthcoming essay. "And the Serbs chose Milosevic, a xenophobic dictator." In this argument, elections are just one

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America's Culture Gaps

The Tribulations of the Not-So-Living Arts

By EDWARD ROTHSTEIN

URING the last 10 years, a low-grade fever has been evident in the arts. It lies just below awareness, like a duil toothache that can still be ignored. The promotion of concerts and dance series continues; the biggest stars draw crowds and sell subscriptions; administrative staffs of institutions raise funds for endowments, and long lines form for every major museum show.

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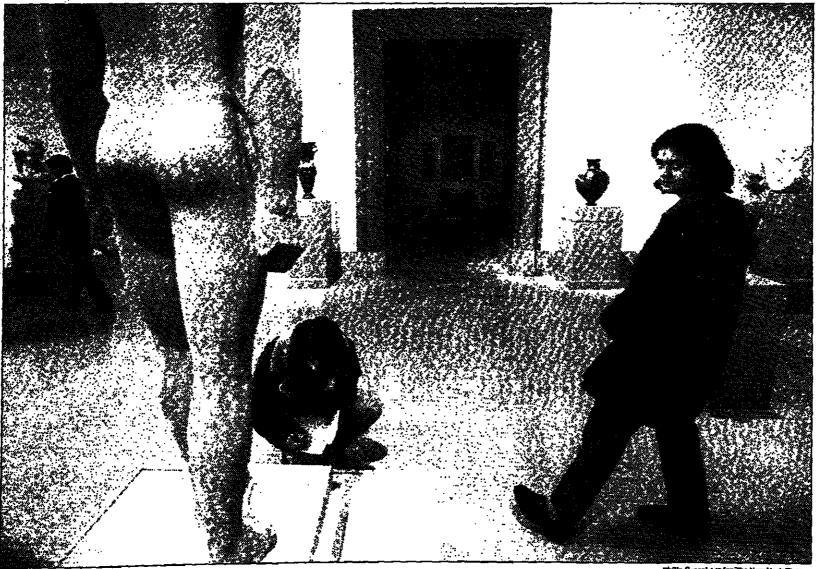
But the patient is ailing, and anxiety is commonplace. A report by the American Symphony Orchestra League has suggested that orchestras consider playing more pop and ethnic music to attract diverse audiences. The National Endowment for the Arts, a bureaucracy hobbied by budget cuts and controversy, sees its effectiveness slip away, while the arts lobby grows more distraught.

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The major institutions, wondering where the next generation of audiences is coming from, are raising education budgets to compensate for public schools' failings. Paintings and operas tend to become more explicitly political as other aspects of the artistic enterprise are devalued. In the universities, the concept of "masterpiece" has been challenged. Music ensembles try to redefine themselves in a more popular mode; theaters mount revivals; classical record companies worry what to do as recordings of Beetho-

ven's Fifth proliferate.

Last week some hard data, in the form of two studies commissioned by the N.E.A., emerged to support the anecdotal evidence circulated in recent years like a hospital chart among interns. "Age and Arts Par-



Philip Greenberg for The New York Times

At art museums, attendance is up, but concert halls and theaters are struggling. Above, the younger crowd at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

ticipation with a Focus on the Baby Boom Cohort: 1982-1992," was based on interviews with 10,000 American

Judith H. Balfe, a sociologist at the City University of New York's College of Staten Island and a co-author of the report, said she found "many simply with no interest in these arts, others with real hostility toward them." Richard A. Peterson, a sociologist at Vanderbill University and another writer of the report, which tracked the decrease in attendance along generational lines, said he sees a "massive shift in taste and tradition" as pop music and mass culture displace arts once considered among humanity's highest accomplishments. Yet another study on artrelated philanthropy, commissioned by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, makes dire predictions including a "decline in the notion of stewardship, of civic culture itself."

Far from surprising anyone, these findings seemed to confirm experience. An earlier N.E.A. report, "Arts Participation in America, 1982-1992," singled out the level of education as the most important variable affecting participation in the arts. The current report argues that the notion doesn't seem to hold for highly educated baby boomers and suggests that education may have changed during that postwar span. The proportion of the population that has had music lessons, for example, dropped to 40 percent in 1992 from 47 percent in 1982. The decline in public school arts education is a harbinger of more severe problems.

Such a decline, however, may be a symptom rather than a cause. Con-

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Left, Right, Left: The Primaries Turn Politicians Around

WEEKLY REVIEW

By RICHARD L. BERKE

GOFFSTOWN, N.H. NEW Bob Dole showed up in this state last week. Not the one who shuttles on corporate jets from his condominium in the Watergate to his condominium in Bal Harbour, Fla. This Bob Dole was heading for the eastern front in the class war, marching shoulder to shoulder with the working stiff.

Senator Dole's transformation, however momentary, can be traced to Monday night, when he just barely managed to win the Iowa caucuses. Frightened by Patrick J. Buchanan, who placed a close second and is a threat as Tuesday's primary here approaches, Mr. Dole echoed his rival's bluecollar lament. "Corporate profits are setting records - and so are corporate layoffs." he asserted in his first speech after arriving in New Hampshire.

The shift is striking in the case of Mr. Dole, a highly experienced politician with a voluminous and generally consistent public record. But he is hardly alone. President Clinton is famous as a flip-flopper, as was his predecessor, George Bush.

In the System

These changes of heart are easy to dismiss as mere political pandering. But they represent something more than disingenuousness. For the pressures that push politicians off their preferred places on the ideological spectrum are locked into the electoral system. Voters demand loyalty to an ever-shifting set of regional interests and popular notions even as they cry out for consistency.

Mr. Clinton, who has sent confusing signals on foreign policy, taxes, even his basic view of the role of the Federal Government ("The era of big government is over," he Gramm's campaign made a certain point: a consistent candidate is often a losing one.

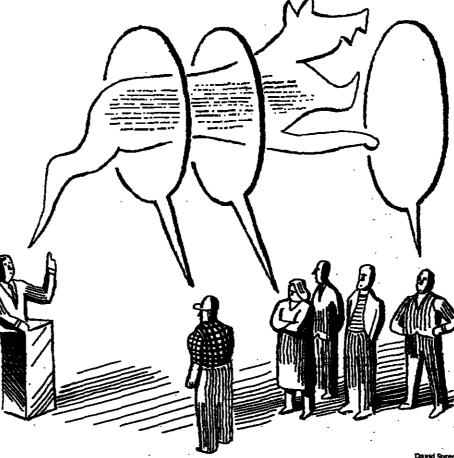
declared just two years after proposing a top-down reorganization of the entire na-tional health-care system), leads in the early Presidential polls. These days, a consistent politician is often a losing politician.

Senator Phil Gramm of Texas is a classic case. No matter the occasion - even at an anti-gay rally in Des Moines the other day he would dwell on the same economic message about spending cuts and budget-balancing that he has championed for all his years in Congress. Last week, his poor showing in lowa forced him out of the race.

Mr. Dole himself learned the risks of consistency while being accused of inconsistency in the New Hampshire primary eight years ago. When he refused to sign a pledge not to raise taxes, he was labeled "Senator Straddle" in a particularly damaging campaign commercial by Mr. Bush. This time, Mr. Dole signed the pledge on the day he announced his candidacy.

The competing impulses to please and to stand firm are only ratcheted up in the glare of the primaries. Under the current system, candidates find themselves tailoring their messages to small, often narrow, constituencies. From Iowa, where religious conservatives are pivotal in the caucuses, candidates headed to this state, where anti-tax fervor and trade issues are center stage.

"This is the silly season and that's why you have to go back to people's records,' said Grover Norquist, president of Ameri-



in the heat of battle are terrible ways to judge people." Indeed, hot issues emerge on which candidates are forced to take positions. Often, candidates believe that they have no choice but to respond to their competition - and often to narrow issues that seem crucial in

cans for Tax Reform. "Things that are said

New Hampshire but fall flat when the race

moves to Delaware the following week.

Scared by a Bear

Stanley Greenberg, who was Mr. Clinton's pollster in the 1992 primaries, recalled that his candidate stopped pushing his middleclass tax cut after New Hampshire because a rival, former Senator Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts, relentlessly attacked him for it. "The candidates who get the high ground, who are able to set the agenda, will have an impact on what aspect of your perspective that you'll emphasize," Mr. Greenberg said. "Tsongas was successful in characterizing the middle class tax cut as pandering." Mr. Tsongas even had a "pander bear" that he toted to news conferences.

The Republican contenders spent much of last year's run-up to the 1996 campaign taking on big government. But the rise of Steve Forbes, the publishing magnate who built his candidacy around the flat tax, led the candidates in a debate several weeks ago to emphasize how their politics could spur economic growth. Now that Mr. Forbes has taken a dive in the polls here, his issues have also been sidelined. In their debate in Manchester last week, candidates took up the issue of trade.

"What you would like is for candidates to take consistent positions and demonstrate real leadership on them," said Richard G. Niemi, a political scientist at the University of Rochester. "But these days, I don't know if that's possible. Maybe the system is too demanding of these guys - to be in front of the public every day and have your every word analyzed, you don't even have the time

Hasty turns to the left or right can back-

fire when the nominees play to a broader electorate in November. "It does really contribute to the cynicism of the voters," said Senator John McCain of Arizona, who was chairman of Mr. Gramm's campaign.

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Tilting Right

Mr. Dole's decision to criticize corporations may be inevitable given the state of the Republican primary race. For most of last year, the majority leader considered Mr. Gramm his biggest threat. So he tried to tack to his right on social issues. And, worried that he was overshadowed by Speaker Newt Gingrich, he did his best to identify himself with House Republicans - at least until voters began souring on them.

Mr. Dole is no more fickle than many of his rivals. Mr. Buchanan, who attacked Mr. Dole in the debate Trursday for "pirating my ideas and parroting my rhetoric," has shifted here and there, too. Four years ago, when he took on Mr. Bush in the primary here - at a time when workers were suffering - Mr. Buchanan abruptly abandoned his long-held support of free trade.

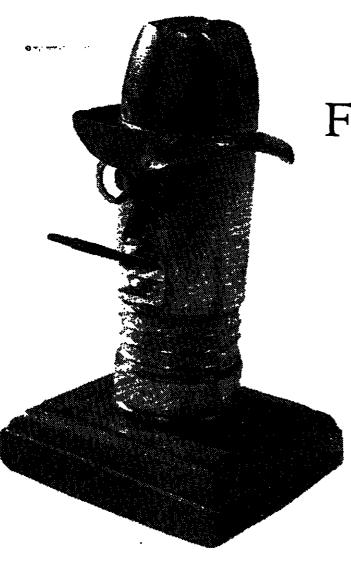
"It is a foreign policy of inertia and nostalgia." he said of his former free-trade advocacy. "Lord help me, I used to be one of them." In an interview, Mr. Buchanan ex-plained his reversal by saying that "the political cause of my lifetime - ami-Com-munism, the cold war - it's over," and that it was time to "start looking out for No. 1.".

And while Mr. Dole was borrowing from Mr. Buchanan last week, Mr. Buchanan was borrowing one of Mr. Forbes set lines when he declared: "We come here to New Hampshire now with our crusade to put America and Americans first really brimming with hope, growth and opportunity."

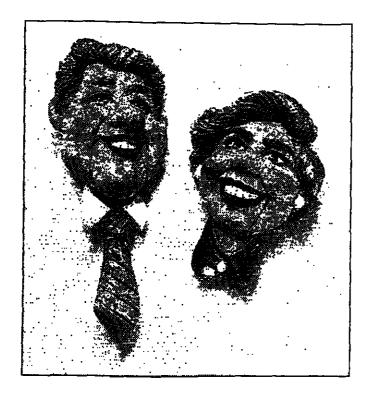
Nor should former Gov. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee get off the book. Mr. Alexander, who served as Secretary of Education, has more recently called for abolishingthe Education Department. In New Hampshire, he took up a new cause the other day, against "environmental extremists."

Gov. John M. Engler of Michigan, a popular Republican who has not endorsed a primary candidate, said that in his own races he tries not to become preoccupied with liguring out just what the voters want.

"Voters can be very demanding - they can be very arbitrary as well," Mr. Engler said. "They can be very unrealistic in their expectations. Sometimes you get so wrapped up in trying to appeal to a subset of the electorate, that you can miss the win-



Photographs by PAUL HOSEFROS/The New York Times





For the Kitschmeister in Chief Who Has Everything

MORGET the 1996 primaries and their ugly humiliations: Presidents still command plenty of respect. Check out all those commemorative appliance sales on Presidents' Day tomorrow. And how about the exhibit now being prepared at the National Archives in Washington? It will display not only the ornate formal gifts to Presidents from foreign heads of state and other noteworthies, but also thoughtful tributes crafted by ordinary Americans. It opens March 22 and runs un-

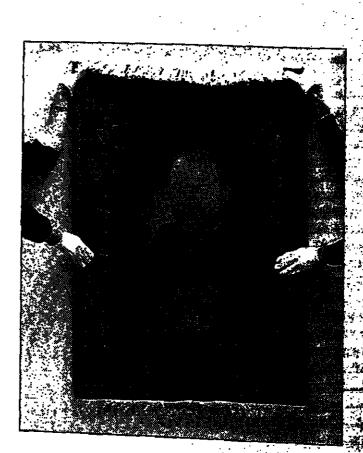
HARD OUTER SHELL During World War II, a Cleveland dentist, Dr. Bernie Cooper, saluted Franklin D. Roosevelt with 37mm antitank ammunition.



SHOWING TEETH The clay pins of the Clintons at left were created by Bill and Patricia Pae of Morrisville, Pa.



COLD WARRIOR Ronald Reagan inspired this refrigerator magnet by Julie Hornsby of Delaware, Ohio,



FLOORED This rug for Gerald Ford was woven by a Californian, Haroutim Tabakian.

RED INK? Lyndon Johnson needed all those pens to sign the Great Society legislation he got. through Congress. The wooden sculpture at left was carved by Gene Zesch of Hye, Tex.

The World

The West in Afghanistan, Before and After

By JOHN F. BURNS

BDUL RAQIB is a man who walks through minefields for a living. An old Soviet army bayonet in one hand and an American-trained sniffer dog in the other, Mr. Raqib goes hunting for some of the 10 million land mines left when Soviet troops were trying to maintain the Kremlin's grip on Afghanistan and United States backed Muslim guerrillas were fighting to dislodge them.

Mr. Raqib is one of 3,000 people employed by the United Nations in a project to clear 50 square miles of "priority" minefields across Afghanistan by the end of next year. After that, there will be another 140 square miles to clear, enough to keep Mr. Raqib and his team busy well into the 21st century, assuming continued aid from the Western

Russia gives only weapons. The U.S. forwards a little cash and keeps its distance.

nations that finance the project's annual budget of \$25 million.

In the old grazing fields of Injeel, on the western side of this ancient city, Mr. Raqib paused along a corridor of red-painted stones and pointed to the hazards: British, Italian and Iranian anti-tank mines that were laid to stop Soviet armor from approaching a stronghold of the Muslim "holy warriors" backed by the West. When the guerrillas planted the mines, the Russians used bombers instead Injeel today is a vista of rubble, broken here and there by the tattered tents of refugees.

In this arid spot, as elsewhere amid the ruins of Afghanistan, there are moments to ponder what outsiders accomplished during the final confrontation of the cold war. With tanks and bombers and the more personal viciousness of the K.G.B., the Kremlin tried to wrench an ancient Muslim society into the straitjacket of Communism. With at least \$5 billion of American taxpayers' money, the United States challenged the Kremlin with guerrilla proxies. The guerrillas won, but Afghanistan lost.

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Today, what is left is hardly a country. It



The cold war left an array of fiels. Herat is ruled by the Taliban, an army of students-turned-fundamentalists, like the soldier above.

is more a patchwork of fiefs run by a nightmarish assembly of warlords and drug-runners and Islamic fundamentalists using weapons that were mostly provided by Moscow and Washington. The current landlords in Herat are the Taliban, originally a group of Islamic fundamentalist "students" but degraded now, after conquering half the country, into little more than another armed, marauding mafia. Near the border with Iran, the Taliban are re-enacting scenes from the ayatollahs' bandbook, with public executions and amputations, and the exclusion of women and girls from jobs and schooling.

Men like Mr. Raqib look back on the Soviet occupation of the 1980's as a sort of political mirage, a time when men fought for causes that seem now nearly as pointless as the civil war between the Muslim factions that ensued. "Russia is very bad, and America is also quite bad," said Mr. Raqib, who was a Muslim guerilla back in the 80's. "How to choose between them?"

From Russia, Zero

A counterargument can be drawn from the United Nations' list of contributors to the mine-clearing project: \$1.8 million from the United States last year, out of a total budget of \$12 million from Western countries, and nothing from Russia. The pattern recurs in the wider relief programs run by the United Nations and non-governmental organizations like the International Com-

mittee of the Red Cross. This year, the United States is expected to contribute \$40 million to \$60 million toward emergency food relief, medical assistance, school and hospital rebuilding and a score of other projects. Russia, again, is a virtual no-show.

Worse, Russia is once again a significant arms supplier, along with India and Iran, to the government in Kabul controlled by Ahmad Shah Massoud, a former guerrilla commander who was the bane of Soviet forces in the Panjsher Valley north of Kabul. Arrayed on the other side, in support of the Taliban, are Saudi Arabia and Pakistan—Saudi Arabia to spite Iran, its nemesis in politics and religion, and Pakistan apparently because it sees the Taliban, which is made up mainly of Pashtuns, as a guarantor

of future influence here for Pakistan, with its own large Pashtun population.

This time, the United States is sitting it out. Officially, American policy has been to back Mahmoud Mestiri, a former Tunisian foreign minister who is the most recent United Nations peace envoy to spin his wheels in efforts to drag the Afghan factions out of the morass. Unofficially, Washington's policy has been to distance itself from the mess. "The attitude is, we don't have a dog in this fight," said one American diplomat in the region. "After the Russians went home in 1989, we waited just long enough to be sure that their proxies in Kabul collapsed, then we went home, too. We rolled up our Afghan maps."

Sacrificed for Reagan

This attitude is bitterly criticized in Afghanistan. In the self-excusing litary of the despairing Afghan, it is common to say that Afghans were cannon fodder for the cold war, sacrificed to Ronald Reagan's showdown with the Evil Empire. From this, it is a short step to argue that the United States, which helped to destroy the country, is morally bound to rebuild it. Among Afghans, the measure of America's faithlessness is taken from the amount it spent on weapons for the guerrillas, perhaps \$500 million a year, compared with the fraction Washington gives now for relief.

The arguments have their echo within the State Department, where infighting that began in 1988, before the Soviet troop withdrawal, continues in another form today. Then, the dissenters argued that the United States should halt, or severely curtail, the flow of arms to guerrilla groups that were turning Afghanistan into a mass of poppy fields for the heroin trade, or saving their weaponry to use on each other once the Russians left. Now, some of those who opposed the open spigot for the guerrillas are saying the United States has practical, if not moral, reasons to become more deeply involved.

Opponents have powerful arguments to make, from the scarcity of American aid in the Newt Gingrich era to the despair of finding any diplomatic strategy that might bring reason to a country that has spun into self-sustaining madness. Others have argued, with little success, that a policy that relegates Afghanistan to insignificance, particularly when it is at risk to Muslim fundamentalism, is one that has forgotten history, and what it has to teach about the importance of Afghanistan as a buffer state in the volatile geopolitics of Central Asia.

An Economic Basket Case

In North Korea the Threat is Total Collapse

By ELAINE SCIOLINO

UST two years ago, the Clinton Administration's biggest fear about North Korea was its determination to develop nuclear weapons — a determination that could have led to war with the South. That worry was allayed after North Korea promised not to pursue atomic weaponry, in exchange for help with more benign nuclear power plants. But now, the United States has a different worry — that North Korea is in so much trouble economically that it could fall apart. Rather than eliminate a threat, a sudden collapse could touch off internal chaos, a flood of refugees and — if things got truly desperate — war with the South.

South Korea, even more than the United States, is

eager to avoid a sudden collapse of the North Korean regime. It is not just the threat of another war. South Korea's leaders are just as concerned that the North could fail the way East Germany did and, despite their stated commitment to reunification, they are extremely reluctant to make any real moves in that direction as long as the North remains an economic basket case.

In recent months, a wealth of anecdotal evidence
— severe food and energy shortages, an increase in
defectors, a dramatic scaling back of annual military
ground exercises — suggests a country in economic
crisis and a leadership struggling to cope with it.

One difficulty the United States faces in figuring out what to do in response is that North Korea is the black hole of Asia — an isolated, rigid, Stalinist regime whose policies, capabilities and intentions are nearly impossible for the outside world to divine.

Another is that for years, American intelligence agencies have focused hard on North Korea's 1.2 million man army and its nuclear weapons program. The satellites and other secret intelligence gathering told America a lot about where the tanks were pointing and whether their engines were running, but little about whether peasants had enough to eat or whether the leadership was secure. So it is hard now to know just what to make of the anecdotal reports now emerging, and even harder to know how to react to them.

"For a long time there was little attention paid to such things," said Toby Gati, the State Department's most senior intelligence official. "If it was not an indication of war, there was no way to put it into the charts. The main focus of our analysis was and continues to be whether and under what conditions the North would invade the South. This is still crucial because of our troops. But a country is more than a tank, and now we have to have more than a one-dimensional look."

Floods and Oxcarts

The task of analyzing the country's economy has become more crucial following floods last summer that wiped out entire villages and a large percentage of the country's food stocks and new harvest. This aggravated an economic crisis created after the Soviet Union collapsed and North Korea lost its patron and after China decided a year ago to stop seiling the North grain on credit.

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When the North Korean regime, whose guiding principle is self-reliance, nurned to the outside world for help, the United States concluded that the economic



In Pyongang, North Korea, a steady stream of oxcarts is one sure sign of a fuel shortage.

problems were severe enough to warrant \$2 million in food aid. Since North Korea remains subject to a 46-year-old economic embargo, the pledge of emergency aid was a diplomatic overture as much as it was a humanitarian response — designed to show that the United States had no interest in seeing North Korea fall apart.

Last November, the secretive North even allowed the United Nations' World Food Program to open an office in the capital, Pyongyang; its presence has provided rare snapshots of everyday life.

Earlier this month, for example, Trevor Page, the program's director, visited Hwanghae, a prosperous town by North Korean standards and the fifth-largest in the country, where, according to his report, conditions were "appalling." Children from one to 16 years of age met in unheated classrooms where temperatures were about 5 degrees below zero. Most of the children were coughing and sneezing. School feeding rations had been cut in half.

There were no cars on the streets, only a steady stream of oxcarts and bicycles — a sign of a fuel shortage. Groups of peasants were furtively selling firewood, clothing, cigarettes, matches and ballpoint pens on an illegal black market, which, according to an internal World Food Program report, "the Government is now tolerating because the public rationing system has broken down for lack of food."

In another report after a World Food Program visit to North Pyongan province last month, people interviewed said they were eating only two meals a day and stretching rice by turning it into porridge. The agency also has reported that the police are not arresting peasants who come into Pyongyang from the

countryside with nothing to do but wander around in search of food. "Is there famine in the Biblical sense?" asked Mr. Page in a telephone interview from Pyongyang. "Clearly not. But the North Korean winter is hard and long and people are cold and the people are hungry and desperately short of food."

Another sign of discontent is that more North

Another sign of discontent is that more North Koreans are fleeing overland into China and defecting to the South. Although American intelligence analysts look with skepticism on the stories told by defectors in staged press conferences in South Korea, the sheer number of the reports, particularly from soldiers who have defected, means they are now taken more seriously. Some defectors, for example, claim that hungry soldiers are deserting, robbing peasants, and being treated in hospitals for malnutrition.

Most interesting to the Pentagon is the fact that although North Korea's annual Air Force exercises are at about the same level as last year, its ground exercises are dramatically smaller. That, military analysts say, could mean that the Army does not have enough fuel to exercise.

Still, there is no agreement inside or outside the Administration about the extent to which shortages have affected morale or military readiness, whether the country is going to collapse or whether a collapse would prompt the North to invade the South.

"When you combine the failure of the economic system, the absence of political legitimacy and the lack of international backing, common sense tells you this is a country falling apart from within," said Stanley Roth, until recently the chief Asian analyst at the National Security Council. "But it's almost impossible to project when you have such little data."

Democracy: An Ideal Ebbs

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attribute of democracy; effective democracy implies a system in which elections help a society govern itself fairly and well. Mr. Zakaria argues that America might do better by promoting civic values like free speech, separation of church and state and property rights.

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All too often, such elections have produced not "democracy" as Americans understand it, but what Ken Jowitt, a political scientist at the University of California at Berkeley, calls "Potemkin" or "mimic democracies" with few of the civic virtues found in the handful of "liberal-capitalist-democratic" states. Ironically, he says, efforts to promote democracy may have weakened the power of the state. And now, as a result, democracy is not nearly as important as stability.

Not for Everyone

Most analysts agree that democracy building has traditionally been ignored in Arab states, , where the United States has vital national interests. Whatever praise the Administration has had for political liberalization in Jordan and Yemen, and for the recent Palestinian elections (which legitimized the autocratic rule of Yasir Arafat), officials remain wary of democratization as a general rule for the region. The worry is that anti-American, militantly Islamic regimes might replace the durably autocratic but pro-American governments of Empt. Saudi Arabia and many sulf states.

ernments of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and many gulf states. So Washington did not protest when in 1992 the military cancelled an election in Algeria that would have brought the anti-Western Islamic Salvation Front to power. And the State Department was quiet last month when Britain began deporting a leading Saudi dissident, Mohammed al-Massari, whom the United States suspected of links to terrorist groups. "Saudi Arabia is the only place where U.S. officials have flatly told me that human rights and democracy are not an American concern," said Neil Hicks, Mideast coordinator of the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, a private group based in New York.

Moreover, critics say, promoting democracy may not advance, or be consistent with, other American goals. Presidents Bush and Clinton both sacrificed concerns for human rights and democracy to protect America's profitable trade relations with China. In Latin America, the United States has found, alas, that autocratic regimes often suppress the drug trade more effectively than the region's elected leaders. Only in Africa, argues Mr. Carothers, has advancing democracy been a key element of American policy. But, he adds, only in Africa does the United States have no "significant economic or national security interests."

Penn Kemble, deputy director of the United States Information Agency, and Brian Atwood, director of the Agency for International Development, both say that the cost of promoting democracy is worth it. But, Mr. Kemble admits: "We're a little sadder, a little wiser now. We now know we need patience and perseverance to change a country's political culture. Changing Russio's will take at least a generation."

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Even the suggestion that Russia might become democratic in a generation seems optimistic given its history and current behavior. But in American democracy, patience is not a virtue. The Administrations that will deal with Russia can last, by law, no more than

Ideas & Trends

Love It, Hate It, It's Hollywood

By BERNARD WEINRAUB

HOLLYWOOD N Billy Wilder's 1950 film "Sunset Boulevard," Joe Gillis, a screenwriter, meets the fading movie star, Norma Desmond, for the first time.

"You used to be big," he tells her.
Norma's classic reply: "I am big. It's the
pictures that got small."

Well, Norma Desmond was half right. There are plenty of big films that Hollywood studios nurture and crank out with increasing frequency, debacles like "Cutthroat Island" that would probably appall Miss Desmond. Although big films like "Apollo 13" and "Braveheart" won recognition this year, Hollywood is increasingly honoring

Risky, offbeat films are getting the Oscar nominations more and more these days.

small, offbeat films like "Leaving Las Vegas," "Babe," "Dead Man Walking," "Sense and Sensibility" and "The Post-man" ("Il Postino") with its accolades and Academy Award nominations.

The Academy Awards are often an annual exercise in self-congratulation by Hollywood. No matter that this year, as in previous years, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences could barely find five top films to be nominated as best picture. The nominees were announced Tuesday, and the Oscars will be presented March 25.

A total of 255 films were eligible for the best picture award. Many of the most expensive ones (\$40 million or more) were terrible: "Judge Dredd," "Waterworld" and "Assassins." Many of the cheaper ones (under \$40 million) were, well, also terrible. (It was the year of "Showgirls," probably the

worst reviewed movie in recent memory). As a result, the Oscar nominations this year took an unusual turn. On the one hand, Hollywood paid obeisance to two studio epics. One of them was Paramount's "Braveheart," a saga about 13th century Scotland starring Mel Gibson, who also directed, which captured 10 nominations. The other was Universal's "Apollo 13," the true story of the perilous space mission, which got nine nominations. But after honoring these two, the members of the Academy lavished all their attention on offbeat, difficult-to-market and risky movies that were either rejected or ignored by studios.

Quasi-independent companies like Miramax and Gramercy got more nominations than big studios like 20th Century Fox or Warner Brothers. Equally surprising, the Academy ignored such well-known directors as Martin Scorsese ("Casino"), Oliver Stone ("Nixon") and Ron Howard ("Apollo 13") in favor of five film makers who had never been nominated in the directing category. These included Mel Gibson ("Braveheart,") Chris Noonan ("Babe") Tim Robbins ("Dead Man Walking"), Mike Figgis ("Leaving Las Vegas") and Michael Radford ("The Postman"). Ang Lee, director of "Sense and Sensibility," failed to get a nod, even though his film garnered seven nominations - two to Emma Thompson, for best actress and best screenplay.

Hollywood seemed to be saying: let's honor the types of films that studios like Warner Brothers firmly reject in favor of Jim Carrey comedies, Lethal Weapons and Free

"What you're seeing is the Academy voters supporting the kind of riskier films that studios used to make, films like 'Midnight Cowboy," said Russell Schwartz, chairman of Gramercy Films, which produced "Dead Man Walking," the somber drama



Susan Sarandon, left, and Sean Penn, the stars of "Dead Man Walking," discuss a scene with Tim Robbins, the director.

about the complexities of capital punishment starring Susan Sarandon and Sean Penn. (That film received four nominations, including best actor and actress). "This whole arena has now been taken over by the independents," he said.

Harvey Weinstein, co-chairman of Miramax, which distributed "The Postman," said the cost of making studio films almost guaranteed an aversion to making nonformulaic, risky movies. Studios often spend \$30 to \$40 million on an average film, with an additional \$10 million to \$15 million to market it. Contrast this investment with the cost of making "Dead Man Walking," (\$13 million), "Leaving Las Vegas" (\$4 million) and "The Postman," (\$4 million).

"The high risk of producing movies is scary out there and this leads to movies that are homogenized at a certain level," said Mr. Weinstein. "There are exceptions like 'Apollo 13,' but so many of the movies just follow a formula, where the stories are indistinguishable from one one another, where there's an action formula and a comedy formula and it's all mass-marketed products.

"These smaller films are risky, too, they're scary, often they have no stars," he added, "but these are labors of love with their own artistic vision. And that's what

But some top executives seemed puzzled

'Braveheart' gets the most nominations, but how about that pig?

and even displeased at the selections for best picture by the 5,043 members of the academy, who range from studio heads to film editors. Bob Shaye, chairman of New

Line Cinema, observed that many of the top films were produced by companies in France, Australia, Britain and France. And several of 1995's highest grossing films were largely overlooked, such as "Batman Forever." which got three nominations, and

'Pocohantas,'' which earned two. "The Academy seems to be drifting away from populist entertainment and is not really acknowledging the dollar votes that audiences have cast for the films they loved." said Mr. Shaye, whose company is one of the most successful in town. He characterized

the vote on many of the films as elitist. "I guess it's a way of saying that the films which entertained the nation by virtue of their box office success are not worthy of industry recognition," he said. Mr. Shaye said he was disgruntled because his company's most successful film in 1995, "Seven," starring Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman, captured only one nomination - for film editing. "We should have gotten more," Mr.

The Tribulations of The Not-So-Living Arts

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sider, for example, the supposed anomalies turned up by the surveys. The most important is that while concert halls and theaters are facing problems, art museums are booming. In 1992, an estimated 49.6 million people visited museums, compared with 36.2 million in 1982, an increase of 37 percent. Older baby boomers and adults born between 1966 and 1975 are the two biggest age groups in art museums.

This may be due in part to our culture's increasing emphasis on the visual, its preoccupation with imagery on television and in movies. Museums may also demand a lower commitment of money and time than a concert or theater, involve less planning and require little, if any risk of being imprisoned in unpleasantness. They have showed marketing savvy, creating audio-tours, gift shops, restaurants and blockbuster shows.

Fleeting Experience

None of these explanations, however, guarantee a very deep involvement with the visual arts as arts. And it doesn't feel as if Americans are in the midst of a renaissance. If anything, the urgency with which museums are developing educational programs reveals an anxiety about the depth of that involvement. A visit may offer some museumgoers a kind of freedom and intermittent involvement that is closer in spirit to the kind of exposure that listeners have to classical music on television, radio or compact discs - areas that have also shown growth.

The N.E.A. report notes, for example, that "video consumption" of classical music is high for the same age groups that show declines in attendance at concorts. Recordings have also become more important as a replacement for the live experience. Moreover, between 1982 and 1992, the audiences for classical music and jazz on the radio grew by more than 50 percent.

But this good news may also be bad news: music on the radio is listened to more passively. The quality of classical music radio has also declined significantly; stations have closed, selections are shorter, vocal music is rare, popular classics dominate. The numbers may be going up, but the nature of the experience is not the same.

Television viewing is also no panacea for the arts and seems far less central than the report suggests. Forty years ago, NBC could sponsor an orchestra and broadcast Toscanini's concerts; there is no commercial network that would even consider such an undertaking today.

So things may be even worse than they appear in the surveys taken by the N.E.A. The only place where the reports seem overly pessimistic is opera: opera has been thriving, partly because of simultaneous translations, the appeal of traditional drama on a large scale, and new works that address, however fitfully, contemporary political themes.

One reason for the crisis in the arts may be another aspect of the arts that surveys cannot examine: their achievement. Museums thrive on collections of masterpieces and their fate does not depend on new acquisitions. But concert halls and theaters require either important new works (which have failed to find large audiences or stir much passion) or compelling interpreters (who are far less plentiful than they were a generation ago). The lapse in education, the uncertainty in artistic achievement, the worries over audience attendance and the lack of visionary patrons may all be signs of a vast change in the Western artistic tradition itself.

Of course there has always been a complicated relationship between the high and low in culture, and much that is now central to high culture has also appealed to mass audiences. But now the very notion of high artistic achievement is often regarded as a chimera and the products of these long and sophisticated Western traditions are often treated as if they have no greater claim on America's attention than the latest music video. Such attitudes, just by being made, already prove that the arts can no longer assume stability. Popular culture will thrive, but aspirations for greater accomplishment once expected from the citizens of a democracy, are deflected, even resented. We are now suspicious of anything that smacks too much of elitism. It may be that the crisis in the arts is democracy's revenge.



Just looking at the Metropolitan.

Annals of Declassification

Nuclear Secrets Worth Keeping

By MATTHEW L. WALD

AGRAMS of nuclear weapons are available to anyone with access to the Internet, and earlier this month the United States Government published an accounting of every bit of bomb fuel it ever made, and where it all went, nearly down to the last ounce. The Energy Department even has an Internet web page where people hungry for nuclear secrets can search through abstracts of once-classified documents and learn how to order the full documents for free; if they are brief enough, the Government will fax the docu-

So what's left for the bomb-makers to keep secret?

Plenty, they say, and the secrets may be more important now than in the days when "nuclear threat" meant Communist bombs. Then, the object of the classification system was mostly to keep the Russians and the Chinese from learning the extent of American nuclear strength and from picking up American techniques for turning their uranium and plutonium into more efficient

But now, officials say, the problem is to keep third world countries and even smaller entities from learning to build any weapons at all. With increased commerce in plutonium around the world, and surpluses of nuclear material from the former Soviet Union, the issue is no longer the efficiency of weapons. Whether a third world nation or a terrorist group is building an efficient bomb or a bomb of obsolete design, one that yields fewer kilotons of TNT equivalent per kilo of uranium or plutonium, does not matter. The point is to keep any nuclear weapon, of

whatever quality, from being built. Still, the Energy Department is increasingly eager to let go of some of its information. Hazel R. O'Leary, the Energy Secretary, has been saying since she took office almost three years ago that ber department needs to build trust with the public, to develop a consensus about the disposal of nuclear materials. For that, she believes,

the public must be educated. She said one reason for divulging just how much weapons plutonium is stored around the country - long a closely held secret - is to make people understand just how important it is to find a storage space for it and for nuclear waste from civilian power plants, which would probably go into the same repository.

Classified at Birth

The department is also after international trust. It wants a worldwide ban on the production of nuclear fuel, and part of that campaign depends on disclosing what the Energy Department itself has.

But declassification is tricky. For years the Atomic Energy Commission, and now the Energy Department, operated on a principle used nowhere else in the American Government — that whole categories of ideas are "classified at birth," secret until



In an area once off-limit to cameras, workers prepare a mock-up of a W-80 warhead for a test at the Pantex Nuclear Weapons Plant near Amarillo, Tex.

proven otherwise. Now, with the new emphasis on openness, there is a lot of catching up to do in declassification.

Is it worth it? The Energy Department spends \$9 million a year now on declassification decisions, and in the midst of budget cutbacks for environmental cleanup, it is not anxious to spend more.

There may be other reasons for resistance to opening up the vaults. Many critics of declassification are the people who know what secrets are kept, and whose livehood has been tied up in keeping those secrets. Now, in an era of layoffs, their desire to hold onto a job may, in part, be driving their desire to hold onto nuclear information.

"This whole classification discussion has been much more an argument about job security than national security," said Charles R. Hansen, a specialist in nuclear bombs. Some of the decisions about classification are being made, he said, by people who would become less important if the system ceased to exist.

Declassification also requires changing artitudes. "In the past there has always been a fear that almost any information, if enough is digested, can lead to good guesses about the details of nuclear weapons design," said Albert Narath, head of a study group that has been assembled by the Energy Department to produce new proposals on nuclear secrecy. Mr. Narath himself said he had spent decades working within that culture of secrecy. "Perhaps there's been a little bit too much paranoia," he said.

Which secrets can now be safely disclosed? There are those that concern just how many weapons the United States has,

and how fast it could make new ones once a nuclear war had begun. The idea that the United States would actually have time to manufacture additional bombs after the first nuclear exchange has been outdated since the 1960's, when both sides had accumulated nuclear stockpiles big enough for mutual assured destruction.

Slow to Answer

The Energy Department has always been slow to answer questions about nuclear weapons, but that is changing. Recently the department boasted that it had finally cleared away all the requests made in the 1980's under the Freedom of Information Act and three-quarters of those made from 1990 to 1992. It promised to finish with the requests from 1993 and 1994 by 1997. According to the department, 1995 was the first year that it had closed more cases - by releasing information or refusing to release it — than the public had filed.

There are some facts that the Energy Department still won't talk about. No one knows whether these are real secrets or information that ordinary people already know. Even in an era of openness, there can

be value in ambiguity and mystery. Take, for example, the information about weapons designs that are out on the World Wide Web. According to Mr. Narath, "there's a lot of stuff our there, some of it real, some of it not." That is why "as approach of 'no comment' is appropriate he said. Then, anyone who wants to build a bomb is "left to guess whether the design would work or not."

ECONOMY

Silicon Valley is Paved With Paper Fortunes

By MICHAELS. MALONE

SUNNYVALE, Calif. N August, the Netscape Communications Corporation held one of the most successful initial public stock offerings in Silicon Valley history. In a single day, the year-old company, with just \$17 million in sales, was valued at more than \$3 billion. And the stock kept climbing.

It was an exciting moment for Netscape employees, many of whom had instant personal fortunes - on paper, at least. But almost as exciting was the day three months later when the underwriter, Morgan Stanley, decided Netscape's stock was strong enough to release the lock-out on its sale by non-officers. That's when the payoff became real.

"We wanted to let our employees get a little bit of liquidity," said Mike Homer, vice president for marketing at Netscape.

Tales about some high-technology bosses are legendary - the new multi-multimillionaires so obsessed with their work that they still drive. their '87 Chevys and haven't bothered to move uphill from their humble lodgings. But then there are other employees, at all levels, suddenly worth a million or two on paper and still struggling to buy groceries. They are itching to live better - a lot

At Netscape, Mr. Homer said, some employees didn't wait for Morgan Stanley to fire the starting gun. Instead, they found financial institutions and brokers willing to lend

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able stock as collateral or otherwise turn their paper wealth into cash. Most ways of doing this are legal, but some seem to subvert the reason the rules are there in the first place - to keep insiders from bailing out too soon after the public is invited in.

Any attempt by the Securities and Exchange Commission to categorize and control this type of activity doesn't work, said Robert Gabele, president of CDA/Investmet Inc. in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., which follows the securities industry. "Wall Street quickly finds ways to get around the definition."

As for Mr. Homer himself, though he wouldn't say exactly how he got the cash, he did not wait long before he bought a new Mercedes, took a couple of weeks' vacation, started looking for a new house for his family and, for Christmas, bought his mother a new car.

Such spending has been a Silicon Valley phenomenon at least since Apple Computer went public with its first sale of stock in 1981. Within days, even hours of stock offerings. the parking lots full of rusted heaps start to be transformed into a veritable auto show of new Ferraris and Porsches. And within weeks, many of these cars are driven to expensive new homes in the hills.

Where do these people get the cash?

"I sometimes wonder about that myself," laughed E. Michael Begovich, regional vice president for the technology industries group of Bank of the West in San Jose. "But I'll tell you this: If a client worth, say, \$200 million on paper came to me and

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"I want his company's business, I want his business - and, eventually, he'll probably move on and start some other business, and I want a shot at dealing with that company, too," he said.

Mr. Begovich's remarks are a reminder that just because your stock makes you rich doesn't mean you can spend your new wealth, at least not right away. The S.E.C. has regulations tying up big employee stock sales for months after an initial offering. The underwriters add their restrictions, typically lock-outs to the stocks for as long as six months. Then there are stock options, which employees may not be able to cash in for years. And key executives must be careful about unloading shares or risk damaging the company's image and putting the stock in free fall.

Still, there is a powerful desire to reward yourself for long hours and financial sacrifices. According to Jean W. Blomberg, senior vice president of Silicon Valley Bank in Palo Alto, top managers usually do not have much trouble. "Most of these people have started several companies in the past," she said, "so they typically borrow against some other asset, like a residence, then pay it off when they exercise the stock."

Companies can help employees improve their lot, too. Apple, for example, around the time of its offering, began rewarding top executives with expensive cars, helping prompt the sudden change in the complexion of its parking lot.

entrepreneurial successes, who typically have few assets and have Securities Act, which establishes what little credit they trying to keep the company alive. For them, the biggest challenge may be just getting through the car dealer's door. Since the days of Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, it has been a valley cliché that the scruffy guy in torn clothes looking in the showroom window is either a burglar casing the place or next week's Time magazine

"You talk to everyone who comes in," said Bart Hood, vice president and general manager of Park Avenue Motors Inc., a Mercedes-Benz dealership in Palo Alto. "Not long ago, I had a young kid come in with a ponytail, T-shirt and jeans. Turned out he was a software designer. He'd gone to another dealer and nobody would even talk to him. We sold him a Mercedes roadster."

When these T-shirt tycoons want to turn stock into cash, Ms. Blomberg said, it is important to develop a relationship with the bank, usually through the company, well in advance. It is also important, she added, for the bank to have a good understanding of the industry. Most banks have their own rules barring lending against restricted stock, she said. "But if you know the company and its business, you can sometimes

take that extra risk." In the housing market, the wave of stock offerings has put increasing pressure on prices, particularly in

the best neighborhoods. Multiple offers on homes have become the rule in communities like Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Los Gatos, Woodside and Portola, and some home seekers complain they are being driven from the market by allcash offers from employees of newly public companies.

In Santa Clara County, the heart of Silicon Valley, prices in some com-

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1994 to 1995 the median value of a home in Los Altos Hills rose from \$825,000 to \$1 million, or 21 percent; in Palo Alto, it went from \$416,000 to \$450,000, an 8 percent increase.

One factor in favor of the new Silicon Valley millionaires is that they are the latest in a long line of high-tech grandees. Technology employees burning money on expensive playthings after an initial offering have been around since the 1960's. Apple, for example, created about 100 millionaires when it went public. some of them engineers and secretaries. At Microsoft, it may have been 10 times that.

The smart companies, typically those led by veterans of past offerings, bring in professionals to help. Netscape's chairman, James L. Clark, who had founded Silicon Graphics, and its president and chief executive, James L. Barksdale, former chief executive of AT&T Wireless, brought in investment bankers from Morgan Stanley, Hambrecht & Quist and Alex Brown to give employees free advice on investing their new riches.

The issue often becomes how mature these people are," said Tim Bajarin, president of Creative Strategies Inc. of San Jose. "Some people act like a kid in a candy store. Overnight, they suddenly become rich and a lot of them don't know how to deal with it."

But turning restricted stock into cash is not as simple as it may sound, especially the higher you go in the company. The S.E.C. places constraints both on selling stock and More difficult are the first-time on borrowing against it - the most notable being Section 16 of the 1933 which sets limits on when and how much restricted stock can be sold by company executives and board members.

Although the commission does not state an official position about any of this for fear of setting precedents, it is known that these controls are intended to give outside investors an equal advantage with insiders, to aim sunlight at what would otherwise be hidden transactions and to keep corporate executives and underwriters from secretly selling their own stock short.

Unfortunately, the controls do not always work. "The touchiest transactions in this area," said Mr. Gabele of CDA/Investnet, "are equity swaps in which the stock is being pledged as collateral and the bank or brokerage is shorting the stock to cover that loan. That should prompt an insider filing with the S.E.C. But it often doesn't."

On the surface, these rules do not seem particularly onerous. For example, under Rule 144, during any 90-day period an insider may sell up to 1 percent of the company's total outstanding shares, or the average number of shares traded in the most recent four weeks, whichever is greater. That is a large hunk of change. Of course, an insider must hold the stock for two years after getting it even to qualify for a Rule 144 sale. And it takes three years to get past the Rule 144 limits altogether. But the clock starts running as soon as the stock is acquired - in most cases, well before a company goes public.

Yet such is the hunger of newly rich stockholders either to cash out or to diversify that a small army of Section 16 lawyers and Rule 144 brokers has appeared to guide their

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corporate charges through and around this process. The S.E.C. is especially wary of any transactions involving insiders selling their own company's stock short, which is essentially betting against the compa-

The biggest brokerage houses — Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, Salomon Brothers and Smith Barney - have even formed special departments for restricted-stock trading. These teams, which dealt with nine billion such shares in the first half of 1994 alone, have come up with several strategies for liquidating restricted stock. each with advantages and disadvan-

"A lot of companies view compensation to employees as including the selling of shares," said Richard A. Gadbois 3d, senior vice president for Merrill Lynch in Irvine, Calif., and one of the most successful Rule 144 brokers, "And certainly, the ability to generate wealth through capital accumulation is far more compelling to employees than simply through salaries. So companies face an essential dilemma between doing the right thing in their financial planning or sending the right message to their shareholders."

Prying cash loose from stock especially using techniques like 'shorting against the box," or selling short the same number of shares you want cash for, is, to Mr. Gadbois. 'a wonderful technique to liquidate a position and defer your taxes."

"It's amazing to me the I.R.S. has let us do it so long," he said. "In fact, there are new laws in front of Congress" that might restrict it.

In lieu of unsecured loans, which can be hard to get outside of places like Silicon Valley, Mr. Gadbois recommends that clients sell a little stock at a time, not a lot all at once, so they do not stretch any rules.

With a volatile stock, of course, this delay means increased risk, so brokers like Mr. Gadbois also offer a 'collar," in which the brokerage firm guarantees a floor on the stock's value, say \$13 on a \$15 stock, paying the shareholder the difference if the price falls lower. But the firm also keeps everything above a predetermined cap - say \$20 a

Roger D. Blanc, a securities lawyer who is a partner at Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York, pointed out that any of these techniques must also live up to the spirit of securities law. Passing sizable stock holdings back and forth among employees, brokers and bankers, trying to circumvent the holding period in what Mr. Blanc compares to the "give and go" play in basketball, "is usually unwise, especially right after the stock has been first issued." The S.E.C., he said, is not blind to all the changes in the securities market. Recent proposals by the commission and the Treasury Department about postponing the recognition of gains and losses and reducing the holding period from two years to one "reflects that in a world of derivatives and swaps and other risk-limiting techniques, a securities act that treats stock as a single instrument is probably no longer sensible."

Should these proposals be implemented, Mr. Blanc said, treating stock like cash will become even more popular. Add a capital gains tax reduction to these two changes, Mr. Gadbois said, "and you'il see a dramatic increase in activity."

Section 16 and Rule 144 may be the bane of the company executive looking for diversification, but except perhaps for the founding genius down in the lab with 12 million shares, the law typically need not be a concern to a midlevel employee with a few thousand shares and an empty bank account.

With its soaring stock markets, 1995 was exceptionally fruitful for initial public offerings - nowhere more so than in Silicon Valley; Netscape's was only the most visible.

In November, a study of the previous 12 months by Securities Data of New Jersey found that 4 of the top 10 cities for initial offerings were in Silicon Valley. Of 425 offerings studied, 31 came from just 4 adjoining cities in the area. Not only did Sunnyvale and Mountain View, with a combined population of less than 200,000, produce more offerings (14) than New York City (13), but those stocks

performed better on average than those from any other place in the COUNTY.

With this kind of ferocious corporate creation, it is not surprising that Silicon Valley companies, lending institutions and retailers have become adept at turning paper quickly to

At the area's car dealers, the process is straightforward; turn the financing over to the banks. "They have to have proof it's more than talk," said Bart Hood, the Mercedes dealer. "We drop the matter in our lender's lap and let them accept or decline. But imagine that if the stock is real, it would be hard for the lender to turn them down."

Hinrich W. Butt, a salesman at Anderson-Behel Porsche in San Jose, said: "We can work something out; we do want their business. But the customer has to be good for it later on. You can go public today and tomorrow be broke."

Popular among buyers at his dealership, Mr. Butt said, is a "one pay" contract - the customer puts a third down, makes monthly payments until the big money comes in, then pays off the loan

With newly wealthy employees eager to buy showplace homes, local real estate firms have become especially adept at dealing with restricted stock. At the valley's largest residential brokerage, Cornish & Carey, agents have grown accustomed to the newly rich. "Some people are very confident, like they always expected to be there," said Carol Burnett, senior vice president and manager of the Saratoga office. "Others are surprised, like they never dreamed something like this could

Like the car dealers, Ms. Burnett finds that many of the newly rich already have considerable resources at their disposal. "They may have, say, \$500,000 in assets they were guarding that they now feel comfortable spending," she said.

Those without that ready liquidity, but still eager to move uptown, are often steered by Ms. Burnett and her staff to the Merrill Lynch office in San Jose.

Smart banks, brokers and retailers in Silicon Valley know that the goal in dealing with these newly minted tycoons is not the quick sale, but the long-term relationship. After all, today's young millionaire may well become tomorrow's globe-trotting billionaire - and this first contact may lead to decades of business.

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That is why Bank of America and Silicon Valley Bank both have special programs. Silicon Valley Bank iokingly calls itself "the Wal-Mart of executive banking services," said Ms. Blomberg, the senior vice president, because it runs its program out of branch offices.

Bank of America's executive program is especially sophisticated. The bank has three offices - in San Francisco, Palo Alto and Monterey - dedicated to working with wealthy technology entrepreneurs.

"We see people go from zero worth to \$50 million overnight people suddenly worth \$60 million but only drawing a \$60,000 salary,' said William L. Timoney, senior vice president for Bank of America's Private Banking and Investment Services. "But with wealth comes responsibility. When people don't have it, they wish for it. Then all of a sudden, it's there and they don't know what to do with it.

'Many of them want to buy a home, which we find is the most common first big-ticket item. Others are reluctant to part with their stock and end up riding it back down. The next product fails to meet expectations, the stock falls off the table and their wealth evaporates.",

For that reason, Mr. Timoney added, Bank of America advises its newly stock-rich clients to diversify their wealth as soon as possible. "We work with them to provide liquidity, such as using the stock for a loan, and then investing those proceeds into other securities."

How much can they borrow? Typically 50 percent to 70 percent of the market value of the stock, said Mr. Timoney, adding that because the stock is not actually sold, there is no problem with S.E.C. restrictions. Loans with more solid collateral can reach as much as 90 percent of the underlying value of the stock.

Feb. 12-16: Dow Rally Takes a Break; Bond Yields Up Sharply

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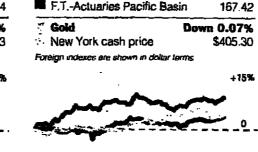
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The Race for Russian President

Say this for the Russian presidential campaign - it will be mercifully short. The race began in earnest last week, and four months from now, in June, Russians will vote. That may be the only good thing about an election season that seems likely to offer voters little enlightenment and an avalanche of shallow slogans and misguided promises that could stunt their country for years to come.

Three of the top candidates are determined to brake Russia's uneven transition from Communism to democracy and a free-market economy. One of them, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist, is a boisterous demagogue. The other two, Aleksandr Lebed, a retired general who is expected to announce soon, and Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader who entered the race last week, deftly cloak authoritarian agendas in populist rhetoric. All three have strong appeal to millions of Russians battered by the dismantling of a statecontrolled economy that long provided a low but reliable standard of living.

The leading candidate of reform is Grigory Yavlinsky, an economist who has remained outside the Government of Boris Yeltsin, leaving him free to criticize its many failings. But Mr. Yavlinsky, like Mikhail Gorbachev, the last Soviet leader, seems more beloved outside his country than within. His arrogance and self-promotion have won him few friends among Russia's reform politicians. Mr. Gorbachev, heartily disliked by Russians, may yet become a candidate, probably presenting himself as an experienced leader who can restore stability. He is given little chance of winning.

Then there is Mr. Yeltsin himself, the incumbent and the dominant figure in Russian political life. Despite an ailing heart, an erratic record, a disastrous war in Chechnya and anemic popularity, he is seeking re-election as the candidate who, in his words, "can bring the country through troubles, anxiety and uncertainty." The problem is that many Russians believe he is responsible for their troubles, anxiety and uncertainty.

Because some of the most visible pieces of economic reform have been mishandled by Mr. Yeltsin, all the candidates, save Mr. Yavlinsky, are running against reform in some fashion. There are many enticing targets, including a corrupt system for the sale of state assets to private investors that has produced windfall fortunes for a handful of wellconnected Russians while denying hard-working business people a chance to compete.

Mr. Zhirinovsky, Mr. Lebed and Mr. Zyuganov have a crude answer for this kind of inequity suspend reform, reclaim state assets and reconstruct a command economy. Mr. Yeltsin's campaign strategy is to ease the economic hardships of reform by breaking budget discipline to increase pensions, subsidize failing state industries and throw rubles at miners and other disgruntled workers. At least Mr. Yeltsin says of reform, "I am for correcting the course, not for backtracking on it."

The discontent in Russia is aggravated by a general breakdown of order, rising crime and a sense that it has lost its place among the first rank of world powers. It is a hostile environment for anyone preaching sacrifice and change, as the Communist gains in parliamentary elections showed. Mr. Zyuganov seems best positioned to exploit voter resentment, and starts as front-runner.

Unless one candidate gets at least 50 percent of the vote, which looks unlikely, the two top finishers will move on to a second round of voting in late June. At this point, it is far from certain that either Mr. Yeltsin or Mr. Yavlinsky will make the cut.

Why Stalkers Go Free

Men who threaten to kill their wives and girlfriends often succeed — even with police, the courts and prosecutors looking on. That tragic truth was underscored again last week when a Brooklyn woman was murdered by a man who had stalked, beaten and threatened her over the course of a year. The killer, a three-time felon, had been served with an order of protection to keep him away from his victim. Days before the killing, he was released from jail despite protests from prosecutors who sensed the murder coming.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Gov. George Pataki have expressed outrage over Judge Lorin Duckman's handling of the case, with the Governor considering impeachment. Judge Duckman has some explaining to do, particularly for language suggesting insensitivity to the woman's plight. But the real culprit is a state statute that takes stalking and domestic violence lightly, making swift and effective prosecution difficult.

If anyone was a candidate for an extended stay in jail, it was 35-year-old Benito Oliver, a felon with convictions for rape, witness tampering and weapons possession. Mr. Oliver had menaced his former girlfriend, Galina Komar, for a year. He chased her out of her apartment, dragged her away from work and repeatedly put a knife to her throat, threatening to kill her. Three weeks before finally murdering her, he was jailed for beating and threatening her with a butcher knife. While in jail, he violated the protective order, harassing Ms. Gomar by telephone. Notified of the calls, prosecutors arranged to have Mr. Oliver arrested for violating the protective order as he left jail on bail. During the bail hearing that ensued, Judge Duckman callously questioned the severity of Ms. Gomar's beating, suggesting that the bruises she received were insignificant because there were "no broken bones." He weakened the order of protection. He discounted the harassing phone calls, suggesting that Mr. Oliver had a right to be concerned about a dog he had left in Ms. Gomar's custody. Then he released Mr. Oliver on his own recognizance. Three weeks later, Mr. Oliver shot Ms. Gomar dead, then killed himself.

Judge Duckman's conduct in court may well warrant an inquiry by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. But indifference to the danger faced by women being terrorized by stalkers is written into the New York penal code. Under the code, most acts of stalking are categorized as misdemeanors, punishable by seven or eight weeks in jail, if that. Stalking becomes a felony only when the perpetrator has already been convicted of "menacing in the second degree" - which in turn requires evidence of the severe physical trauma that Judge Duckman alluded to in court. Similarly, the penalties for violating orders of protection are a joke. In order to do serious time, the violator must commit either grievous physical harm or property damage while breaking the order. Given the law, Mr. Oliver was almost certain to get off lightly.

Stalkers go free to terrify and kill, partly because the law permits it. If Mr. Giuliani and Mr. Pataki want to make a difference, they can push to make the penalties for stalking far more severe.

Editorial Notebook

New Hampshire, 1996

MANCHESTER N.H. The Republican Presidential contenders in New Hampshire are showing grave signs of candidate wilt. Turn on the spotlight and they droop like overheated begonias.

'Some of the gleam is off the edge of the flower," nods John Stabile, state Republican chairman. He was talking about Steve Forbes, whose fortunes seem to have gone especially droopy. After a few glorious weeks when voters seemed to find his flat tax and visitor-fromanother-planet mystique entrancing, he is losing his standing as the fresh face to Lamar Alexander.

Fresh faces are a particularly perishable commodity. The world may not have yet noticed that Mr. Alexander once invested a dollar in an option to buy a newspaper, and emerged from the deal with a \$620,000 profit. But if the former Governor keeps moving up in the polls, the world will get an earful. "He makes Hillary Clinton look like a piker. Next time he plays the piano, it will probably be Alexander's ragtime scam," sniped Mr. Forbes. The least spontaneous of candidates, he gives the impression of having practiced his insults in front of a mirror.

Pat Buchanan was having so much fun in his new incarnation as a Wall Street-bashing populist that the Beltway native seemed to be developing a Southern accent. But last week he ascended to the status of potential front-runner, and the light moved over to his campaign co-chairman's connections to the militia movement and white supremacists. Mr. Buchanan tried simultaneously to exhibit loyalty ("he's mah friend") and distance himself from the problem. Another aide with white supremacist links quickly popped up in Florida.

Campaigning for President seems to be fun only if you have no chance of winning. "Isn't this great." beamed Representative Bob Dornan before the big dehate. If you are tracking at zero in the polls, you can go

Where Fresh Faces Begin to Wrinkle

out there and brag about your committee assignment ("you're looking at the chairman of Military Personnel!"), announce that Bill Clinton passed "the most massive tax increase since the Pharaohs" and wake up the next

morning none the worse for wear. Meanwhile, Bob Dole, who has not looked as if he was having fun in months, dispatched minions to argue that voters do not dislike him nearly as much as people say. "His negatives in New Hampshire will improve once the primary is over," said an aide after the debate. By then the candidate himself had gone home to prepare for a trip to the north country to admire some sled dogs, who struggled to run away when he tried to pet them.

Mr. Alexander's people, of course, say their candidate will not droop under the pressure of being the reigning NotDole, NotBuchanan. The ex-Governor has been stumping New Hampshire since last summer telling voters that he can do for the nation what he did for his increasingly prosperous home state. (Mr. Alexander cannily refrains from calling it the Tennessee Miracle.) Hard work, free trade, an educated work force and no

more Washington handouts are his general prescription. As a sign of Mr. Alexander's new stature, his campaign now has an accountant to answer questions about how his net worth rose from \$150,000 to \$1 million while he was Governor and Tennessee was pulling itself

up by its bootstraps. After Tuesday's primary, the campaign will move south with fresh faces in very short supply - unless the voters turn to the perpetually ignored but deeply available Senator Richard Lugar. Eventually, the Republicans will decide that there is one of these flawed packages they can learn to live with. For proof that there is life after wilt, they just had to look across the snowbanks this weekend and spy Bill Clinton campaign-

For Arts Audiences, the Question Is Relevance

To the Editor:

Re "As Patrons Age, Future of Arts Is Uncertain" (front page, Feb. 12): The "highbrow" arts in New York

are losing their audiences. The appeal of music, composed by men dead for decades, if not centuries, is lacking in appeal. The American musical, in the form of revivals, is dependent on tourists and foreign visitors. The Metropolitan Opera has had to invest millions to frame the lyrics, in English, right there for everyone to look down their noses at. Could this be not so much a ques-

tion of audiences but of relevance or the lack thereof? The arts are like politics, religion, air. They find their place and their way. In Santa Clara County, California, one of the richest and most rapidly emerging areas in the country, 40 percent of the nonprofit arts or-

ganizations have budgets of \$50,000

or less. The Metropolitan Opera can

spend that in an hour. In New Orleans, the symphony and ballet are expanding audiences and working alongside schools. The city is beginning \$30 million of construction for new facilities for performing arts, visual arts and crafts.

It's not a question of audience decline but of relevance. In a time of less money, less time and more choice, society will find what is relevant and participate and show support for it. Deficits loom large, as do tough questions from donors and demands from artists for greater participation in organizational choices.

More than a rearrangement of deck chairs, what communities and their artists want is a different and more fruitful relationship with one another. Benefits and possibilities abound for those who are responsive JOHN M. MCCANN

Washington, Feb. 14, 1996 The writer, a consultant, has managed three nonprofit theaters.

In N.J. Senate Race, Measurable Difference

To the Editor:

Your Feb. 14 news article on Representative Richard A. Zimmer's throwing his hat into the ring for the Senate seat being vacated by Bill Bradley furthers a myth in New Jersey politics: that there isn't much substance distinguishing Mr. Zimmer, a Republican, from Representative Robert G. Torricelli, the Democratic candidate.

Au contraire. According to the 1995 Government Almanac, the ratings given to the two candidates by various interest groups differ markedly.

The American Conservative Union rates Mr. Zimmer at 57 percent and Mr. Torricelli at 6 percent. The Na-tional Rifle Association gives Mr. Zimmer a 90 percent rating, the Christian Coalition an 80 percent rating and the New Jersey Environmenhas supported the ban on assault weapons and is rated "A" by the New Jersey Environmental Federation.

There is nothing moderate about Mr. Zimmer's vote against the Brady bill or to end safe drinking water standards. In both cases, Mr. Torricelli voted contrary to Mr. JOHN W. WOLFF Highland Park, N.J., Feb. 15, 1996

San Francisco Gateway

To the Editor:

Contrary to your Feb. 11 news article on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, the bridge is "sexy." The photograph you published [some editions) is of the eastern cantilever and fails to capture the spirit and experience of the gateway to our city. The western, suspension portion is a thing of beauty, at least as lovely as that other, less-used bridge to the north.

The Bay Bridge's seductive parabolic cables and stately towers stand as a marvel of modern engineering design. It seduces the eye as visitors are sinously delivered into the heart of our city. IAN MACKINLAY

San Francisco, Feb. 13, 1996 The writer is an architect.

Making Music

To the Editor: Recent studies point out that a

large proportion of people attending classical music concerts studied a musical instrument in their youth. It is important to keep in mind that the rise of television and electronic pop culture was accompanied by the wholesale abandonment of instrumental music instruction in public education across this country.

If we care about the survival of classical music played before live audiences, we will have to do something much more difficult than tinker



with music marketing. We will have to teach future generations what it means to participate in making music GARY R. STEPHENS New York, Feb. 12, 1996

The writer is co-chairman of Opus 118 Music Center, a violin program for East Harlem public schools.

Jazz in a Coffee Shop To the Editor:

Your article on the "graying" of the arts in America (front page, Feb.

12) leaves out one aspect of the problem. Many young people who may be interested in the performing arts find themselves financially excluded

from being "goers." I enjoy going to a concert, the opera or the theater. But as a college student working two part-time jobs, I find it difficult to find the time or

money to do so. .. A ticket to any of these events costs me nearly a month's entertainment budget. Listening to local jazz at a coffee shop provides me with better entertainment value and a

friendlier atmosphere. I won't be patronizing the highbrow events until I have more disposable income, something that is becoming rare in young America.

If the fine arts wish to survive. they would do well to take an example from museums. Today not even Congress can hold out as an elitist BRAD HILL East Lansing, Mich., Feb. 12, 1996

Fighters vs. Flutes

To the Editor: Re "As Patrons Age, Future of Arts Is Uncertain" (front page, Feb.

Technology numbs minds, kills spirits, breaks social connections. and displaces culture. It drains souls of the need to give, care and feel. We value fighter pilots, not flute

players. Getting more stuff and the next guy is our pinball. Widget-making skills taught in schools guarantee 'good" jobs so we are "free" for the mindless, empty and wounding pursuits of buying our next television

set, VCR, four-wheeler and car Questioning our values may help us to understand falling theater at-ROGER NEWELL La Jolla, Calif., Feb. 12, 1996

Rwanda Refugees May Well Fear Return

To the Editor:

While your report on Rwandan refigees in the Kibumba, Zaire, camp is factual (news article, Feb. 15), it doesn't say whether refugees' fear of returning to Rwanda is founded or not. The camp's propaganda machine may be excellent, but it is oversimplification to suggest that refugees don't want to return to Rwanda because their leaders tell them so.

Who would prefer the "comfort" of a refugee camp in decaying eastern Zaire to a home inside Rwanda if the situation were as safe as the Rwandan authorities say it is?

More-than 60,000 Hutus have been in jail for more than a year without being charged. Political parties have been suspended by the victorious Rwandan Patriotic Front. No election is planned for the near future. The Government has ousted most relief organizations, because they cared more about the refugees than the re-

construction of Rwanda. The Tutsi-dominated army repeatedly bombed the central market and civilian hospitals in Kigali during the civil war in 1994 and killed hundreds of Hutu refugees in Kibeho in southern Rwanda last April and another

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DAVID BORDEN

Director, Drug Reform

Coordination Network

Washington, Feb. 15, 1996

Cocaine Use Soared

To the Editor:

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hundred civilians in Gisenyi in western Rwanda last November.

Why does anyone want to send refugees back to a place where even officials of the international tribunal in charge of prosecuting genocide suspects get beaten up by the Rwan-PROCAS FASHARO

Iowa City, Feb. 15, 1996

Buchanan on Air

To the Editor:

A. M. Rosenthal (column, Feb. 16) is outraged that the news media employed Pat Buchanan as a commentator in the years before he decided to run for President and after his candidacy in 1992.

I do not see Mr. Rosenthal criticizing the news media for employing possible future Presidential contenders like mario chomo, who has the same kind of on-air platform as Pat Buchanan once had.

If it was such a journalistic travesty for the conservative Mr. Buchanan to have an on-air job, why not criticize liberals who are doing the same thing? WIL MILAN

Phoenix, Feb. 16, 1996

\$10 at Tiffany's

Despite Prohibition To the Editor:

Maureen Dowd's contention (column, Feb. 15) "that if Holly Golightly In "No to Legalization" (letter. came tripping into Barneys with her Feb. 15). William J. Bennett, the for-\$10 bill, she would have been shown mer Federal drug czar, writes, "If the door" ignores that it was only drugs were legalized, use would Holly's charm and ingenuity that made her shopping expedition to Tif-Mr. Bennett proceeds to describe fany's a success. the rapid popularization of crack co-

Whereas Ms. Dowd was presented with a list of 2,197 items for \$10 and under at Barneys, Holly Golightly was shown only one item for this amount at Tiffany's, a sterling silver telephone dialer.

Holly appealed to the heart and soul of the dignified salesman and persuaded him to bend the store's policy and engrave her ring for \$10, even though it came from a box of Cracker Jacks. Martin Kaufman New York, Feb. 15, 1996

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enforcement section, I know that a

As a former head of the Federal

In Settling G.E. Landfill Case, New York Joined Mainstream

Re your Feb. 11 editorial on the environmental settlement between G.E. and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation: For at least 20 years, most states and the Federal Government have settled environmental disputes through "credit projects" that benefit the environment rather than funnel penalty dollars into a general fund. This is sound policy. Both sides avoid wasting money and time in litigation. By extending its environmental benefits policy to industry, New York has joined the main-

The primary basis for the settlement involving our silicone factory at Waterford was a fire at our landfill that began in 1993 and cost G.E. \$4 million to extinguish. We believed

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that the landfill operated according to permit. Moreover, since 1989 G.E. has paid for a state employee to monitor the site. This person had unrestricted access to the landfill and all its records. The state environmental depart-

ment has said air monitoring showed "no significant risk" to people off site. Three years later, a state lawyer said that the dispute over wheth-

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case about a fire at a permitted landfill with a state monitor present is not very attractive for environmental enforcers. That the Waterford case had factual and legal issues that G.E. would have contested made it perfect for "credit project" resolution. The issue is not whether what happened at Waterford violated the law. New York thought so and took enforcement action. We disagreed. The issue is

Given the facts, it is. The state avoided lengthy litigation it was by no means guaranteed to win; it also achieved significant environmental benefits. G.E. will spend \$1.5 million on projects that benefit people and the environment, plus \$6 million on waste-treatment technology for the landfill. By contrast, only a handful of cases in New York have resulted in a penalty as large as \$1 mil-STEPHEN D. RAMSEY.

whether the settlement was fair.

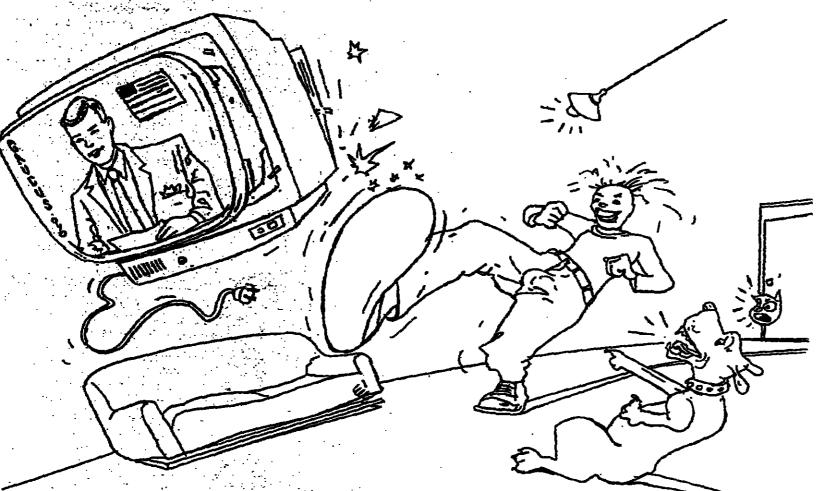
Vice Pres., Corporate Environmental Programs, General Electric Co. Fairfield, Conn., Feb. 13, 1998

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Memo: Be Ruthless

The Media Missed the Message



By James Fallows

WASHINGTON owa is history," the Republican strategist Ed Rollins told Larry King on CNN. It was Feb. 12, the evening of the caucuses, and within hours nearly all of the 3,000 correspondents and TV crew members who had gathered to cover the event had left the state. Many headed for New Hampshire, whose voters' political values and heritage they will find deeply fascinating until

Tuesday night. But the real problem with campaign coverage is that lowa is not history in the normal sense. Real history involves fitting events together with some kind of pattern and consequence. This year's political reports have almost exulted in the idea that what was said, done and predicted yesterday has no effect on today.

ith Iowa in record taught. Money, whether spent by Steve Forbes or Phil Gramm, can't save a troubled campaign. Negative ads can backfire, as Mr. Forbes's did had "failed to catch on."

badly, propelling him toward a fourth-place finish. Old-style grass-

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Alexander's endless treks through

James Fallows, Washington editor of The Atlantic Monthly, is the author of "Breaking the News: How the Media Undermine American Democracy."

lowa led to his third place "victory." Such insights seem so obvious now that it is hard to believe that anyone could think differently - except that iust before the caucuses many political experts did.

One day before the voting, a frontpage story in The New York Times said that Steve Forbes's blitz of TV ads marked the historic end of grassroots politics. No matter who won Iowa and New Hampshire, the story contended, the "image" of these contests "as the last redoubts of 'retail campaigning' has already suffered badly, perhaps irreparably."

A week before the caucuses, a political analyst for The Washington Post said that Mr. Forbes had emerged as the main challenger to

The death of 'retail politics' was greatly

Bob Dole because more plausible alternatives, notably Mr. Alexander,

A week before that, Mr. Forbes's surge to popularity had put him on roots organization is still crucial in a the cover of the news magazines. while Bob Dole's "funereal" demeanor when replying to President Clinton's State of the Union Message was widely said to be the beginning of the end for his campaign.

A few months before that, Colin Powell had been the presumptive Republican nominee -- or Pete Wilson or Newt Gingrich. A year ago, when Mr. Gingrich seemed to have permanently changed American politics, major newspapers reported a movement among dissatisfied Democrats to oust Bill Clinton from

the ticket before he dragged the party to defeat in 1996. The point is not that certain reporters guessed wrong about the Presidential race. Many of these same people, on other occasions, have

guessed right, and many of their publications make a serious effort to explore the problems that the next President, whoever he may be, will confront. Still, it is amazing that so many journalists plunge so enthusiastically into an activity at which most are bound to fail: giving us hourly updates on who the next President will be.

As I listen to the latest clash of theories about how Lamar Alexander will handle Bob Dole, I think of medieval doctors debating whether a fever was caused by the "melancholy humour" or the "phiegmatic," not knowing that the real cause was bacteria. This year's election has brought the inevitable series of surprises - like Patrick J. Buchanan's 'stunning'" victory in Louisiana and unexpected strength in Iowa. Yet the same analysts who did not foresee these results weave them seamlessly into their scenarios for Tuesday's vote, when they are sure to be surprised again.

Stock market analysts are also great at constructing after the fact explanations as soon as daily trading closes: "Profit-taking drove the market down today." Yet most are smart enough not to offer careless predictions about what will happen

tomorrow. The difference is that real

money is at stake. If you guess wrong

in the market, people will pay - and

they will remember what you said.

he airiness of the political-prediction industry rests on the assumption that none of it really matters and that no one (except the bedraggled candidates) will pay if you are wrong. Sizing up Lamar Alexander against Bob Dole is like having a pre-season argument about whether the Yankees or Dodgers might go all the way this year. It's fun to test your theories, and you can adjust them without penalty as the year goes on.

Such diversion is the ultimate purpose of sport. But politics involves something more: It is the way we solve our public problems. Political coverage should help explain what concepts like "corporate responsibility" and "moral crisis" actually mean, beyond their purpose as slogans in a campaign.

To: Delegates to the Republican Na-

Re: The Next Revolution Sure, you're in a bind. No, it won't be pretty. Mutinies never are. But that's why you're Republicans. You have a strong stomach and you don't hesitate to shoot the stragglers. Let's be frank. What we've got here

is a bad batch of bananas. The eight guys sloshing through New Hampshire have been tested and tested and tested. We've seen their gimmicks, heard their attack ads and mulled over their - dare we say? - ideas. You've got to call it quits and get a decent nominee. Take a mulligan.

It's a sad day for you when Bill Clinton is the most Reaganesque figure on the field. And while he may denounce big government now, you know a second term of Clinton & Clinton, as Bob Dornan calls it, will make the New Deal look like small change. Unchecked by the sobering prospect of another election, the Clintons will be truly themselves for the first time. Is that really how you want to move into the next millennium?

tional Convention

The enormity of the problem has been obscured by a primary system that endows even comic-book figures with a certain gravitas. Once the press behemoth has descended on Iowa and New Hampshire, once Dan and Peter and Tom sweep in with their electronic villages and Primary '96 logos, everyone has a stake in pretending the process works.

Even C-Span does not capture the true gruesomeness of the scene, the feeling of dread that descends when the blue "Lugar for President" minivan pulls up in front of your hotel, trolling for attention.

You cannot appreciate what it's like to run into the deeply wacky Bob Dornan in the hall and hear his theory about how Mr. Dole should shore himself up if he gets the nomination by naming his team early. "That way it would be our team against their team - Hazel O'Leary, Bruce Babbitt and Ron Brown," he told me. " Colin Powell should be Secretary of State. It would be so charming, an African-American Secretary-of-State visiting Africa. And also Europe, Asia and anywhere else he wants to go."

Is this what the Republican Party stands for? Bob Dornan? Alan Keyes? Morry Taylor?

In the 80's, your party seemed invincible. In '94, you swept the elec-

Thomas L. Friedman is on vacation.

MANCHESTER, N.H. tions. And now this? Bob Dole is not even Walter Mondale. We're getting into Harold Stassen territory.

> Mr. Dole is a creature of the well of the Senate. At nationally televised debates, he acts as if he's making asides to colleagues in the cloakroom. His speeches are about legislation, some of it still bogged down in committee. His only claim to the Presidency is his claim to the Presidency.

And consider a Clinton-Buchanan contest. Backward reels the mind. How could country club Republicans cope with it, the guys with the lime green pants, gin martinis and prochoice wives named Bunny? Pat Buchanan, saying nice things about the guys who trim their hedges and going after big business. It just won't do.

Now we come to Lamar?! The one with the unbearably annoying punctuation and red plaid shirts?! Does the country really need another slick/aw shucks former Governor from a

After all, you're Republicans.

small Southern state with a smart wife who has a history of real estate sweetheart deals?!

So here's the plan. Don't worry about who wins Tuesday. It's the lesser of three losers.

Arrange an awards banquet here in Manchester and invite all the candidates. Hand out some plaques. Give some testimonials. Praise Bob Dole for his patriotism. Give credit to Morry Taylor for bringing the vexing issue of selling tires to Mexico the prominence it deserves. Thank Steve Forbes for making it clear that rabidly negative ads are most potent if you pull them off a week before the election. Pat Dick Lugar on the back for conducting a civil, if unbelievably tedious and ineffectual, campaign.

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Round up some popular governors like Steve Merrill, Christine Whitman and George W. Bush. Try Hollywood again - Arnold Schwarzenegger. Clint Eastwood, Kevin Cosmer. Then go to Virginia and kidnap Colin Powell. He's probably sick of tinkering with Volvos by now.

Once in San Diego, start brokering. Wait for the second ballot or go for a loophole. That's the beauty of being Republicans. You know how to make the rules - and break them.

A Game We Couldn't Lose

By Richard Powers

URBANA, IIL uman worth hung in the balance again weekend. Among the array of graver and more material contests now facing civilization, struggles from Sarajevo to New Hampshire, the one decided yesterday in Philadelphia stands out in its symbolic weight. In the chess match between Gary Kasparov, the world's best living player, and I.B.M.'s Deep Blue, an otherwise undistinguished supercomputer, humanity's collective selfesteem was once more on the line.

The latest blow to our chauvinism began in the first round of the sixgame match when Deep Blue bested our best after only 36 moves. Although Mr. Kasparov rallied to avoid humiliation in the series, the early result shocked not only the chess world; it shattered the pride of those of us who would never dream of pitting our own worth against a \$15 nome computer program. Suddenly, we once again needed to explain ourselves to ourselves.

Mr. Kasparov's explanation was swift and emphatic: "We are now seeing for the first time what happens when quantity becomes quality." in effect, we have reached the age when brute force can outperform creativity. This statement, of course, begs the question of what creativity is. How do we, in fact, do things in that massively parallel processor of ours?

We have a habit of perpetually redefining "creativity" as that which humans do and "brute force" as the stuff of machines. In each age, we have redrawn the borders of the inviolably human.

Mr. Kasparov's explanatory gambit has a familiar and time-honored ring to it. We have a long history of

Richard Powers is the author, most recently, of the novel "Galatea 2.2."

iosing to the brute force of machines. The corpses of Paul Bunyans and John Henrys litter our folklore, a folklore now all but lost in the Information Age's sea of stories. At each twist of industrial history, the grim reaper, as patented by McCormick, cuts another swath from our sense of distinction.

From Copernicus pushing us from the center of the universe to Darwin tying us to the lowliest of life forms. man has routed himself from his place of relative importance in the

Yet we seem to overlook that each self-demotion has come from our increased ability to understand our

Kasparov's struggles were a tribute to mankind's 'creativity.'

world. We ought to take pride in our record of technological invention that enables us to deflate our selfimage while expanding our world to include much that previously lay outside our field of view.

My diabolical 7-year-old friend Mack, as yet little troubled by ontology, has recently discovered the deep pleasures of chess, just as I did when I was a few years older than he is now. Mack demands that I set up problems for him on the board. But his true triumph lies in shouting, "I got it, I got it," even before I can lay out all the pieces - a challenge much more interesting than the puzzle itself. Such preemptive intelligence testifies that in the most important ways, the game of chess will always be a uniquely human domain, and seven-year-olds will always be

uniquely, irreducibly brilliant. But as a contest, chess does yield

to brute force. All doubt on that score disappeared in Philadelphia. Any holdout pawn that Deep Blue failed to capture this weekend, some related parallel-processing simulation will mop up a year from today. Our continued humiliation at the hands of our own forks and pins is, as ever, just a matter of time and rigor.

But why should our self-esteem be more threatened by losing a game of mental projection than it is flattered by building a device capable of outprojecting us? That we can assemble an artifact capable of beating us at our own game is a stunning triumph for human ingenuity. The feat is almost as clever as inventing the game in the first place.

Perhaps we are old enough now, far enough along in our course of study, to stop disowning the artifacts that embody the breadth of our invention. The power and purposes of our machines after all, lie in no one's hands but our own.

Half a century of artificial intelligence has taught us a great deal about thought and thought's problems, about what is hard and what is easy. Chess, for all its supple beauty and cerebral ballet, is a fairly low-level puzzle compared to recognizing a face or mulling on the pains of coming of age or forging peace in Bosnia. Chess is easy. Small talk is hard.

hought's hardest problems will continue to dominate human survival for as long as we are interested in playing that game. Highest and hardest of all is the challenge of accurate self-description. When a computer can produce a more intriguing rationalization than Mr. Kasparov's, a more moving lament in the face of checks to its own bruised ego, then humans will indeed have something to worry about.

Until then, it's the same old game: Strive to control the centerboard, and develop your best pieces.

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Higher Style From Hong Kong's Film Masters

By NEIL STRAUSS

I is clear from the first scene in John Woo's new film, "Broken Arrow," an action epic about an Air Force commander gone AWOL with two nuclear weapons, which character will be the villain and which the hero. Sparring with his fellow pilot Christian Slater in a boxing ring, John Travolta says he is a fan of boxing. "I always liked Bruce Lee movies," Mr. Slater re-

Bruce Lee, of course, is the martial-arts actor who first introduced American audiences to Hong Kong pop cinema. Mr. Woo is a modernday equivalent, bringing the latest in Hong Kong flash to an American audience. Christian Slater, in confessing his preference for the Eastern ethos of action, sets himself up to be the hero in "Broken Arrow."

In the 23 years that have elapsed since Mr. Lee's death, Hong Kong film making has progressed far be-yond badly dubbed chop-socky and into slick production, lavish cinematography, actual acting and action scenes choreographed as meticulously as a ballet. Thanks in part to the influence of the genre on such Hollywood movies as "Reservoir Dogs," "Desperado" and "Die Hard With a Vengeance," the cult of Hong Kong film watchers in America has grown into a full-fledged audience.

In fact, it has grown so that in addition to the release of "Broken Arrow," Mr. Woo's second Hollywood film, two Hong Kong productions will open in American theaters in the next few weeks. "Rumble in the Bronx," a partly dubbed action comedy starring Jackie Chan, opens on Friday. And "Chungking Express," a subtitled art film directed by Wong Kar-wai, opens on March 8. In addition, theaters in many cities have scheduled festivals of Hong Kong films this month and next. They include the Plaza Twin Cinema at Grand Army Plaza in Brooklyn, which began its series on Thursday with Mr. Woo's excellent 1990 film "Bullet in the Head," a Hong Kong "Deer Hunter."

To connoisseurs of Hong Kong films, Mr. Woo and Mr. Chan are the genre's titans. They also represent two very different visual and narrative styles. Mr. Woo makes ultrastylized, over-the-top action films with big body counts, cool-as-ice heroes and long, slow-motion shots lingering on the apparatus of the gun. His calling card is the two-fisted gun

battle, and more than once in the special-effects-laden "Broken Arrow," Mr. Slater can be spotted rolling and diving with pistols blazing in both hands.

Mr. Chan is an original for an entirely different reason: he is a lovable action hero who describes himself as a cross between Sylvester Stallone, Buster Keaton and Donald Duck. Usually directing and chorecgraphing his films as well as starring in them, he never uses a stunt double or special effects for his superhuman leaps and falls. Where Mr. Woo likes to create bleak, noir psychological thrillers, Mr. Chan prefers more lighthearted family entertainment with the action unwinding it graceful, rhythmic scenes that are as funny as they are fast.

His signature is the outtakes he includes at the end of his films, showing exactly which failed stunt put him in the hospital. Watch carefully as he leaps from a bridge onto a moving Hovercraft in "Rumble in the Bronx," and you'll see his foot twist into an unnatural position; in the outtakes at the end, it is revealed that he actually broke his ankle in the scene. Mr. Chan is a man willing to die for his art, as long as the cameras are rolling.

Like most Hong Kong cinema, Mr. Woo's and Mr. Chan's films are built around face-offs between caricatures of good and evil. The main difference between "Broken Arrow" and "Rumble in the Bronx" is that in "Broken Arrow" the power of the characters lies in the technology of the weapons they hold, while in "Rumble in the Bronx" physical ability is the key to victory. This is why in Mr. Woo's films the characters often shoot one another through glass partitions, while in Mr. Chan's films, characters fall through glass partitions.

Throughout "Broken Arrow," Mr. Woo freezes the action at the exact moment when a gun is pointed at someone's head, loading the scene with all the existential drama of the South Vietnamese police chief moments from executing the Vietcong suspect in 1968. More significant, he treats the two nuclear weapons that Mr. Travolta steals as if they were two large and very powerful bullets. "I know you love having the power of God at your fingertips," Mr. Slater says to Mr. Travolta as they sit in the cockpit of the bomber before the theft. Later, one of the bombs is actually launched at a character as



John Travolta, in John Woo's bullet ballet "Broken Arrow."

Richard Foreman/20th Century Fox

In "Rumble in the Bronx." in which Mr. Chan battles hoodlums terrorizing his uncle's supermarket as well as a gang of international jewelry thieves, the gun is empty as a symbol of power. Where Mr. Woo makes his characters archetypes of cool by filming them walking and smoking in slow motion, Mr. Chan demonstrates his heroics without any editing effects.

There are a few shots fired in "Rumble in the Bronx," but in the foot or bulletproof vest. When he crashes the hoodlum's hideout, Mr. Chan must earn respect in a fist fight, a fast-paced brawl in which he uses props ranging from refrigerators to pinball machines to maneuver his way to victory. A far cry

from Mr. Woo's hyper-realism, "Rumble in the Bronx" has its baddies yelling "rock-and-roll" before beginning their mayhem.

This was not a first attempt to break into the American market for either Mr. Woo or Mr. Chan.

Mr. Chan came to the United States in 1980. But Hollywood would not let him be himself: after starring in the flop "The Protector" with Danny Aiello and appearing as a Japanese race-car driver competing with Burt Revnolds in "The Cannonball Run," Mr. Chan returned to Hong Kong.

This time around, with "Rumble in the Bronx," Mr. Chan, 41, has decided not to tamper much with his Hong Kong style. There are, howev-

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er, a few changes. Such alternativerock bands as Ministry and Ash have been substituted for the syrupy Canto-pop soundtrack, a few of the slower scenes hav been cut, and Mr. Chan has rerecorded much of his dialogue in English. (The movie, which was actually filmed in Vancouver, was shown in its full version in Chinatown theaters in the United States more than a year ago.)

It should be noted that, although "Rumble in the Bronx" was directed by Stanley Tong, Mr. Chan's fingerprints are all over the movie. For those who want to see Mr. Chan's roots, a 1978 kung fu film he stars in called "Snake in Eagle's Shadow" will be shown at the Plaza Twin Theater in Brooklyn on Thursday

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and later in the year Miramax will release other Jackie Chan films. (New Line, expecting strong audience response, is sending "Rumble in the Bronx" into more than 1,500 theaters.)

Mr. Woo's American break came when he worked with Jean-Claude Van Damme on "Hard Target," released in 1993. Like Mr. Chan, Mr. Woo discovered that his producers reined him in, reducing the action he envisioned from breathtaking to yawn making. "Broken Arrow" is an improvement, and did more than \$15 million last weekend at the box office, but it does not redefine the genre like some of Mr. Woo's previous Hong Kong films, particularly "Hard Boiled" and "The Killer," which star Chow Yun-Fat, another Hong Kong star on his way to Holly-

There is a third stream of Hong Kong cinema, the art film, and the director Wong Kar-wai is one of its. best-known proponents. In his films, there is still action, but the scenes are filmed in bright, blurred stoptime motion. This technique helps outline the larger themes of ambiguity and chance in his movies.

"Chungking Express," the first film distributed by Rolling Thunder, Quentin Tarantino's new company within Miramax, consists of two minimally intertwined stories, each about a brokenhearted police officer who becomes involved in a nebulous relationship. (It was shown at the New York Film Festival in 1994.) Where every back flip and gunshot seems extremely calculated in Mr. Chan's and Mr. Woo's films, the story in "Chungking Express" develops through rootless, wandering characters and random events, most of it beautifully filmed with a handheld camera.

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Once More Into the Fray With John Cassavetes

By PETER M. NICHOLS

OME video has always had talent for revivals. Gather the films of a star or a renowned director, clear the rights, track down pieces of negative (inevitably scattered from Hollywood to Prague, or so it seems), box the special editions, alert the cognoscenti to the second coming, or whatever coming this particular revival happens to be, and stand by for a warm response from fans and a public that increasingly likes to collect tapes.

Nevertheless, one wonders what is in store for the revival of two works by John Cassavetes, the actor and fiercely independent director of a dozen films of total originality and sometimes annoying excess that challenged audiences for 25 years starting in the early 1960's.

On March 26 Fox Lorber and Orion will release "Shadows" (1961), Cassavetes's first film, and "Faces" (1968), his fourth and most commercially successful work. Both movies, which dealers list among those most requested by videophiles, will be on cassette for the first time.

Critics hold strongly varying opinions of Cassavetes, who died in 1989 at the age of 59. For the most part, his movies are rambling, often harrowing domestic dramas that constantly and uncomfortably probe the emotions and seemingly run on forever. Behind the camera, Cassavetes was a student of the marital blowup, the mental breakdown, the spiritual collapse. "He did not make films that were easily categorized, easily analyzed or even, for most audiences, easily liked," Janet Maslin wrote in The New York Times. "And he did not give an inch in making them,'

Regardless of their difficulty, movies by the man whom many regard as the father of American independent film making would seem to be natural collector's items. But judging by the results of an earlier Cassavetes revival, that may not be

In 1992, Disney released "A Woman Under the Influence" (1974), about a housewife and mother (Gena Rowlands) who is gradually and agonizingly destroyed by mental illness, and two other Cassavetes films from the 70's, "The Killing of a Chinese Bookie" and "Opening Night." The studio had also planned to issue "Shadows" and "Faces" but didn't



John Cassavetes

Disney, a purveyor of megahits. may seem a strange avenue for Cassavetes movies, which were shot in black and white, cut straight to the confrontational and played to relatively small audiences tolerant of their technical imperfections, disjointed scenarios, supremely unhappy endings and running times that often approached three hours.

But Cassavetes fans are where you find them. One enthusiast was Bill Mechanic, currently the president of 20th Century Fox but formerly the president of Walt Disney Home Video. "He loved John's films." said Ms. Rowlands, the director's widow, who starred in most of his movies.

Cassavetes was Mr. Mechanic's project. "We worked hard to catapult those films back into the consciousness of the film community," he said recently. "We did a big launch on 'A Woman Under the Influence,' maybe his most accessible film. We were well received in video

Disney won't divulge sales figures, but dealers say that while "A Woman" sold well, the other two films did not and the studio lost money. Disney still distributes its Cassavetes titles, but before "Shadows" and "Faces" could be issued, the studio cut short its revival and sold the rights to both films back to their original owners, Ms. Rowlands and Castle Hill Productions.

By then, Mr. Mechanic had left Disney. "'Faces' and 'Shadows' are among Cassavetes' most important films, but they aren't the most accessible," he said. "For me this was a labor of love. Without somebody to love them, maybe it was time to sell them back."

Cassavetes films are still shown

theatrically in Europe, where they won many awards at festivals when they were first released, but they are virtually never shown in the United States. Before the Disney revival, only three of them had been on videocassette: "Gloria," in which Ms. Rowlands earned an Oscar nomination as a mob woman who cares for a child after his family is killed in a gangland execution, "Love Streams," about a twisted brother-sister relationship, and "Big Trouble," a Cassavetes-style comedy, about an insurance fraud.

Last year Fox Lorber bought 'Shadows' and "Faces" and made plans for a second revival. Ms. Rowlands is eager to try again.

"After John died, I thought I'd really feel terrible if young people didn't get a chance to see his work," she said. "University kids get to see it because there are so many film schools, but John didn't make films for an elitist group. He wanted to reach everybody. We don't want to make a fortune, just have them out there for people to see."

Orion will distribute "Shadows" and "Faces" for Fox Lorber. And since MGM, Columbia and Universal also own Cassavetes titles, Herb Dorfman, Orion's president, envisions a joint venture in the future. "I can see putting together a Cassavetes collection where each of the studios, as a contribution to the art, would work in concert to make a boxed set available," he said.

Others don't see adequate demand. "His movies are just for smart people," said one video executive who refused to be identified. 'There's a very limited audience. They have no more drawing power than 'Wild Strawberries' or 'Virgin Spring.' Cassavetes is as out as Bergman."

Commerce aside, being as "out" as Ingmar Bergman may not be the worst fate to befall a director. One striking characteristic of Cassavetes' films is that they are completely without artifice. "Shadows," for example, is the story of a struggling black musician and his two siblings, who suffer identity crises when they pass for white. Developed during an actors workshop and shot without a script, the film illustrates how Cassavetes entrusted actors not just to portray characters but to become them, often to the extent of reacting to one another spontaneously and improvising dialogue

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Kong film makers and celluloid heroes to start making their presence known in America. Not only will the British hand Hong Kong back to China in 1997, possibly curtailing the freedom of these directors, but in recent years the Asian audience for Hong Kong films has been decreasing and the movies themselves have been cranked out at a faster rate than ever, losing much of their flair.

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Councils may not exclude non-Orthodox candidates

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, before justices Elivahu Mazza. Tova Strassberg-Cohen and Zevi Tal, in the matter of Prof. Yehudit Naot and others, petitioners, versus the Haifa Religious Council and others, respondents (H.C. 4733, 6028, 7105/94).

FTER the local council elections in 1993, the minelections in 1995, the min-ister for religious affairs was required, under section 6(b) of the Jewish Religious Services Law (Consolidated Version) of 1971, to reconstitute existing religious councils. He accordingly asked all local councils to propose their candidates to fill the quota of 45% of the religious councils, as demanded by section 3(a)(2) of the Law.

As laid down in Supreme Court precedents, the councils' selection of candidates was confined to two features. Firstly, each political faction was to propose its candidates in accordance, as far as possible, with its representation in the council. The council was then to consider the candidates' suitability for religious council member-

ship.
The Jerusalem and Haifa city councils and the Tivon local council voted for members of religious councils, and all candidates associated with the Reform and Conservative movements were rejected. Three petitions were then lodged with the Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, to set the elections aside on the ground of unjust discrimination, and the court decided to hear the petitions together. Justice Mazza analyzed the situ-

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ation and held that the Reform and Conservative candidates proposed in Haifa should be declared elected, and the elections in Kiryat Tivon and Jerusalem be set aside and new elections held within 60 days of the publication of the court's judgment

JUSTICE Strassberg-Cohen con-corred with Justice Mazza's conclusions, and as to the necessity of a discussion in cases such as the present before a vote. However, she said, the court should avoid laying down general directives in this regard.

It was true every decision of a public administrative authority was to be based on tested, relevant grounds. But, as pointed out in Berger (H.C.297/82; The Jerusalem Post, July 24, 1983), the degree of discussion and probing depended on each situation. Not every member of a public authority was required to express his opinion on every issue, but the discussion was to be conducted in good faith and without attempts to disrupt the proper democratic

She also warned against excessive reliance on the principle that decisions of public administrative bodies were presumed to be lawful. Citing precedents, she accepted the rule that where there was real doubt as to a decision's legality, it was for those supporting its legality to prove their case.

In her view, the facts in each case before the court created real doubt as to the legality of the decisions made. Not only had the three councils not dispelled that doubt, but their explanations made the illegality even more

JUSTICE TAL also agreed with Justice Mazza. He added that the Jerusalem decision was probably based on coalition considerations. and he wondered whether, since the city council was a political body, such a basis was perhaps permissible.

He was of the opinion that where unlawful reasons for disqualifying a candidate had been stated, and he was rejected on coalition considerations, it was for those who supported the rejection to voice their grounds for so doing. If they remained silent, they were to be regarded as having accepted the unlawful reasons

For the above reasons, the petitions were allowed, and an order issued as held by Justice Mazza. The Haifa Municipality was ordered to pay the Meretz faction costs in the sum of NIS 15,000; the Tivon Local Council was ordered to pay the Meretz and Tal factions NIS 7,500 each; and the Jerusalem Municipality was ordered to pay Meretz NIS

Rabbi Uri Regev appeared for the petitioners, Renato Yarak for the Haifa Municipality, Avraham Segal for the Tivon Local Council, Ya'acov Kaminetzky for the Jerusalem Municipality, and Yehuda Shefer, senior assistant state attorney, for the religious affairs minister.

The judgment was given on January 1, 1996.

Jews on the Bard's brain

An American author takes a fresh look at antisemitism in the

Elizabethan era. Peter Greenbaum reports

or centuries, he has stalked across the world's theater stages and demanded from generation his pound of Of all Shakespeare's creations, the character of Shylock in The Merchant Of Venice remains the most disturbing and contro-

In Shakespeare and the Jews (Columbia University Press). author James Shapiro examines the Elizabethan era in which the character of the Jewish moneylender was created. His cultural history of the Jews in England's early modern period offers a fresh look at an old problem: What are the origins of antisemitism and why does it persist?

The questions that are at the Merchant of Venice are not simply about Jews as usurers or Jews as religiously different," says Shapiro. "They are about Jews as different in a lot of complex ways. The questions that interested Shakespeare then are still around today. One of the things I try to do is understand why people thought these things about Jews and what the implications are."

Shakespeare, literature and humanities at Columbia University in New York, spent six years writing Shakespeare and the Jews. His research took him to archives in Israel, Oxford, Cambridge, the British Museum in London, the Huntington Library in California and the Jewish Theological Seminary near his home in Brooklyn.

In the course of his research, Shapiro learned Shakespeare's contemporaries perceived Jews, even though it is unlikely they had ever met one. Many thought Jews had an unpleasant smell and committed ritual murder. Some even believed that Jews were black and that Jewish men menstruated.

"It shows you how inventive these notions of difference are," says Shapiro. "One of the things I'm trying to come to terms with

is how intelligent people can believe myths about others in order to confirm their own sense of identity."

In 1290. King Edward I expelled all Jews from England. Historic tradition has maintained that no Jews lived there during Shakespeare's lifetime. But Shapiro argues that by the 16th century, there were at least a couple of hundred Jews living in

"Jews don't figure largely in Shakespeare's canon, but they do in other Elizabethan works," says Shapiro, "It was a culture obsessed with Jewish questions. and in some ways not much different from our own. When I went into the archives I was interested in discovering whether there were Jews in Shakespeare's England and what kind of Jews they were. Before I could get really far with that question, I had to ask, 'Who or what was a Jew?' I began to see ways in which Shakespeare and his contemporaries saw these pressing questions, because they had to do not only with what Jews were, but what they themselves

Shakespeare and the Jews paints a portrait of early modern England as a country at odds with its own racial makeup. In the half century or so after the Reformation, English masqueraded as Jews, Jews masqueraded as Christians and individuals of both faiths moved back and forth

between religious groups.

According to Shapiro, some Protestant sects identified very closely with the Old Testament as truth and recognized Sabbath worship and other Jewish practices. Shakespeare and the Jews is filled with curious tales. like the story of Traske, a radical Puritan who believed he was Jewish. Traske and his followers kept kosher, obeyed Jewish law and even practiced circumcision. Eventually, they were viewed by the state as a threat. Traske was arrested, imprisoned and had the letter I branded on his forehead. Soon after, he recanted.

English religious history." observes Shapiro. "Our notions of race were emerging and developing for the first time, and Jews were right at the center of those definitions.

"Shakespeare's England teaches us to think twice about confusing myths and history. We live in a world in which there is tremendous nationalist and ethnic strife wherever we look, and it's not going to go away. What his play and culture's treatment of Jews tell us is that we like to turn myths into history."

By the 18th century, the debate

about whether Jews could ever fit in with the English establishment had intensified. The Merchant Of Venice, which seemed to embody the worst prejudices, had become a focal point.

"One of the things I discovered was a "Jew Bill" of 1753, which caused a very bitter debate that preoccupied all of England during an election year." says Shapiro.

"It was about whether foreignborn Jews could be naturalized. But it was really about whether Jews could be English as well. These questions once again put a lot of pressure on what it meant to he English. At the center of this controversy was The Merchant of Venice, which even then became a way of positioning issues about Jewishness and Englishness."

Currently, Shapiro is at work on a literary history that traces issues of Englishness and Jewishness in literature from Chaucer through the present day. It will be his third book

"I live in the 16th century most of the time," confesses Shapiro. 'It's easier for me to think like an Elizabethan. I'm trying to understand how I can be both a Shakespearean and a Jew at the same time, which is not very easy.

What about Shakespeare himself? Was he antisemitic?

"They say that Shakespeare's words are not for an age but for all time," says Shapiro. "I think it's impossible to know what his intentions were. There will be interpretations of the work that see it in a positive light and in a negative light.

"We know he cared about understanding the nature of people's differences, and that's why we still read him. As long as we're a culture that's driven by questions of racial, national and religious differences, they [his words] will be for all times. When his words no longer excite and disturb us, it will be time to find a new author."

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Industrial giants aim for zero pollution Cientists and engineers at DuPont Co., the from its battery-making process a few years ago.

Delaware-based chemical manufacturer, are getting closer to an ambitious goal: creating the world's first zero-waste and zero-emission industrial

Since launching the project in the late 1980s, the company has introduced some notable anti-pollution measures. By eliminating some chemicals and reducing the use of others. DuPont officials say, they have cut the output of cancer-causing air polintants from the company's facilities by almost 70 percent, from 8.4 million pounds in 1987 to 2.6 million pounds in 1994. They are seeking a further 20 percent reduction by the year 2000.

Using leftover milk jugs and other disposable plastic containers, the team invented Tyvek, a durable polyethylene material. Also used to make the hardto-tear envelopes sold by the US Postal Service, the compound has helped slash the amount of plastic DuPont discards by 25 percent.

DuPont scientists have invented new processes for recycling the company's products. The latest, called the Petretec regeneration technology, reduces polyester to its components by adding methanol. In a process introduced several years ago, ammonia

is used to break down nylon carpeting to chemicals that can be recycled. DuPont is not the only industrial giant trying to

making it possible to recycle batteries. Union Carbide Corp. replaced solvents with carbon dioxide in spray paint, reducing emissions of volatile organic compounds by more than 70%. At DuPont, researchers have used factories as lab-

oratories for testing new manufacturing concepts. At a Waynesboro. Virginia, Spandex factory, they cut waste by increasing the yield of the synthetic fabric produced from raw materials by 15% over the past five years. Researchers also cut emissions of the toxic gas carbonyl sulfide by an average of 70% at five facilities by altering the process for manufacturing a white pigment used in paint.

David Roe, an attorney with the Environmental Defense Fund, praised DuPont for leading the campaign to cut waste and emissions.

This seems to be a serious effort at addressing a major environmental problem," he said. "We are anxious to see how successful it turns out to be." DuPont executives acknowledge that the goal of zero waste and zero emissions still eludes them. "But having the goal forces us to be more and more creative in our research efforts," said Paul Tebo, the company's vice president for health, safety and the environment. The more we focus on it, the more we find that eliminating waste really means finding novel uses for things we used to throw away."

(Washington Post)

eliminate waste. Polaroid Corp. removed mercury Living fossils are now endangered species

ea horses are a very ancient species, one of the true living fossils of the world. They are found in warm, quiet waters along the shores of all the continents and come in varying

Here they are a strictly protected species, but in some other countries they are extremely popular as a sait-water aquarium fish. This trade in itself accounts for some losses of sea horses, but what really decimates these unique little members of the pipe-fish family is their valuable use in the practice of traditional medicine in the Far East.

The trade is so brisk that an estimated 20 million sea horses are used annually, with 16 million of these consumed as traditional remedies or a health-food additive. in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore alone. The demand for dried sea horses

has increased tenfold in the past decade, according to a report by University senior Oxford researcher Amanda Vincent, who reports to Traffic - the group that monitors endangered species. in the seas around Bali and Java, Vincent says the number of

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sea horses surviving in nature have been halved in the past five years alone.

Sea horses are fished in the coastal regions of the Middle East to India, the Far East, Australia and South America, and there are few areas where they enjoy the protection of the law.

The demand is high and the rewards are great. In Hong Kong. bleached, dried sea horses sell for \$1,200 per kilogram, approximately seven times the price of Sea horses are easy to catch,

since they are slow-moving and remain for long periods attached by their prehensile tails to a stem of water vegetation. In addition, it is the male sea horse that bears the young, and

they are somewhat larger than the The female lays her eggs into an abdominal pouch on the male. The pouch contains sperm which fertilizes the eggs, and the male

carries the young sea horses, a

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weeks. During this period, his abdominal pouch becomes very large, As he is a very awkward swimmer, he is the easiest sea horse to catch.

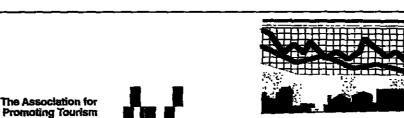
But Vincent does not think much good would be accomplished by banning this trade, because she says it will simply go underground, become more lucrative and be almost impossible to

Instead, she says the future of the sea horses lies in the creation of reserves in the areas where they are caught so they will naturally repopulate the surrounding areas.

This, she says, is a matter of educating people that if they do not have reserves, there may soon be no sea horses at all. She also advocates setting up a few large captive breeding sites so that captive bred sea horses can be released back into the oceans in their familiar haunts.

The sea horse is just one of the many creatures whose lives seem to be forfeited in the practice of traditional medicine around the world. The list also includes rhinoceros, sea turtles, geckos and a host of others.

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Bezeq awaits India's ruling on privatization

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Ahmadi told counsel for one of

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Forum, not to argue against the

validity of the government's deci-

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asking the government not to

grant any licenses to India and

multinational companies till fur-

year, the government chose the

winners in five of the country's 20

been given, and no winners have

been selected for the 15 other

Only six firms bid for five re-

gions which were on the auction

block last month, passing up the chance to buy licenses for eight

Opposition parties claim the

government favored HFCL Be-

zeq Telecom Ltd, which emerged

as the highest bidder in nine re-

gions by offering \$15 billion to

allowing the consortium to

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nance to set up an autonomous

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But the licenses have not yet

ther orders," Ahmadi said.

"If you challenge the policy of

NEW DELHI (Reuter) - Bezeq is awaiting the verdict of India's Supreme Court today on key petitions against the government's move to privatize the state-run telecommunications monopoly.

A court statement said yesterday that Justice N.P. Singh, one of three judges hearing the case, would announce the verdict, ending weeks of waiting for foreign investors keen to make inroads in the lucrative sector.

The 10 petitions target the government's ambitious but embattled program to open up the nation's basic telephone services to private companies, a symbol of Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's economic reforms.

Backers of the petitions include seven Upper House deputies of the Janata Dal party, a socialist opposition group.

Some Markist and nationalist technocrats also believe India should not give up its monopolies in infrastructure.

. Chief Justice A.M. Ahmadi, heading the three-member panel, said last month that the court would not examine the government's constitutional right to privatize the telecommunications

In December, the court ordered the government to put a hold on awarding any licenses to firms to operate basic telephone services, the backbone of the privatization program, until it had ruled on the petitions.

The court's stay came at the height of an opposition protest which all but paralyzed parliament during its month-long session in December.

Opposition lawmakers accused the government of favoring one firm and bungling the program.

Lawyers said the court was likely to focus on the rules of privatization and not the policy to seek private investment.

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Clal Industries to buy 50% stake in Yotvata

CLAL Industries has reached an agreement in principle to purvata Dairy for NIS 100 million, the company informed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday.

Meir Laser, general manager of Clal Industries, said the purchase is in the framework of the Clal (Israel) group's plan to increase its investments in the food market.

Laser said negotiations commenced several months ago.

The companies are currently formulating a final agreement which will include an understanding on Clal's involvement in the company's management.

According to Laser, there will be no major changes in Yotvata's top management.

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Laser said Clal's decision to invest in Yotvata is mainly due to the milk product manufacturer's high quality products and the company's potential to sell to Jor-dan and Egypt.

The companies are also considering exporting Yotvata's products to Europe.

"We decided to invest because of the quality of the company, which is known to everyone in Israel. The company has high quality people and products,"

According to Laser, Clal will contribute to Yotvata's development of new products which are distributed and marketed through Tnuva.

able for comment. Several weeks ago, Clai negotiated to purchase a 21% stake in Elite Industries from the Feder-

But the negotiations fell though after Elite general manager David Federman reached a partnership agreement with

Today, Clal's holdings in the food industry include a 57% stake in frozen food manufacturer Sunfrost, which suffered losses last year; and a 25% share in Hypershuk, which merged with Co-Op North and is also losing

Clal's most profitable investment is its 25% share in Jaf-Ora,

Bank of Israel may require some banks to open on Friday

MORE than 30 percent of all bank branches will remain open Friday if the Bank of Israel adopts Supervisor of Monopolies Yoram Turbovitz's directives on the banking sector's planned shift to a five-day work week.

At the end of last week, Turbo-\$25b. more than all others vitz told Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles that all banks will They claim the government be able to cut by one day their passed up a chance to pocket far six-day work week provided at more money in license fees by least 5% to 10% of each bank's branches will remain open on Fridays, as will at least one branch in each city where a bank operates.

A court judgment against the The banks are to close branches on Fridays as of March government could paralyze the privatization scheme until after 1, after having reached an agree-The government last month day work week.

Heads of the banks' workers committee said they plan to ignore Turbovitz's instructions, banks mean most workers will work a six-day week since - such banks have no more than one branch in each city.

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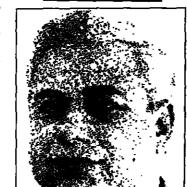
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ment with the Histadrut on a-five -- Abeles's recommendations are the basis for Turbovitz's directives on the banks. (Tav Or)

> Louis Roth, head of Bank Leumi's workers committee, said, "Turbovitz does not understand what he is saying.

In practice, it means banks will be open six days a week, since in

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many places like in Kiryat Shmona, Ofakim and other towns, the banks operate only

one branch." Chairman of United Mizrahi Bank workers committee Sarah Laserovitz said it will be very difficult to implement Turbovitz's instructions, explaining that bank secrecy regulations make it impossible for a branch manager to obtain information about customers with accounts in another

"Turbovitz's instructions sound good, but they can't be implemented with the existing communication systems.

The implication of having only a few branches open is that there will be no telephone communication about customers with an account in one of the closed branch," said Laserovitz. A Bank of Israel spokesman

tions, including keeping 5%-10% of all banks open, are based on Abeles's recommendations. He said the Bank of Israel is in the midst of calculating the cost

said many of Turbovitz's instruc-

of moving to a five-day work According to the Banks Association, banks will loss NIS 500

million per annum if they move to a five-day work week. Turbovitz has emphasized to the Bank of Israel that if he does not formulate new bank work directives, each bank will have to

the change. Turbovitz said the banks' move to a shorter work week is also subject to finding a solution for trading foreign currency.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Jerusalem-based Encotone announced yesterday it has received an order from Spanish bank La Caixa for 500 units of its TeleID acoustic identification and authentication device. This initial order will be used in the first stage of La Caixa's computer banking service. The second stage will extend the system to all computer banking customers, about 50,000

Once a phone banking service is put into operation, customers wil be able to conduct transactions by phone. La Caixa is expected to equip 500,000 customers with TeleID units over the next three years. Encotone said yesterday the deal could eventually be worth over \$12m. Encotone is a 26% subsidiary of ECI Telecom.

Dutch software firm EDI-TIE and its Israeli distributor Shai Information Systems have established a jointly held subsidiary, EDI-TIE Middle East.

Eleo subsidiary Eleomat has been awarded a \$3.3m. contract to supply the Israel Electric Corporation with three-phase power supply meters. The meters will be produced in cooperation with Swiss firm Landis & Gyr in order to meet TEC's timetable.

Algorithmic Research has signed an up-to \$8m. cooperative agreement with French smartcard developer GemPlus. Algorithmic Research will research and develop GenPius' next generation of so-called electronic wallets over the next several years, as well as provide consultancy services for current products.

Beit Hashita has been named sole provider of olives to Domino's Pizza in Israel by local licensee Omni Brand Names. The contract - for 50 tons of olives per year - is estimated at NIS 400,000.

Walden Israel announced yesterday it has executed a \$1.6m. investment in SmartLight, financed by investors including venture capital firms Mofet, Evergreen and Quantum. Private investors in SmartLight include Uzia Galil of Elron and Zvi

SmartLight, a privately held company, is developing a medical diagnostic imaging apparatus based on electro-optic techniques. The apparatus would be used to enhance the quality of reading and interpreting medical x-ray films by radiologists. The company, headquartered in Haifa, was founded in 1995 by two former Elscint senior managers together with a third partner.

Profits up at Israel Gen. Bank

COMPANY RESULTS

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tion link, making it impossible for ISRAEL General Bank, a membank clerks to receive informa- ber of the Edmond de Rothschild group, yesterday reported a 109 percent growth in net profits for doubtful debts, increased 30.3% the fourth quarter, compared

with the same period in 1994. General Bank is the first local bank to publish its earnings for the year, completing 1995 with an 11% rise in net profits to NIS 13.3 million from NIS 12m. The company, founded at the in 1994. end of 1994, completed last year

Profit from financing operations, before provisions for last year, to NIS 37.8m. from NIS 29m.

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Gold prices soar as rand falls

COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

THE South African rand fell to an all-time low against the dollar and gold prices soared Friday in an abbreviated session following rumors (which were later denied) that South Africa President Nelson Mandela had suffered a heart attack and that foreign currency exchange laws in South Africa would soon be eased.

April gold ended \$1.80 higher at \$407.50 an ounce and Comex silver closed Friday's abbreviated session with strong gains.

Traders attributed the rise to fund buying late in the day, as well as the weak rand against the

March silver settled 7.7 cents higher and closed at \$5.722 an ounce. Comex copper futures closed lower on Friday, as LME stocks soared to their highest level in over a year, sources said.

The March contract ended 1.15. cents lower to 112.50 cents a pound. Cbot corn futures hit new 15-

year highs during Friday's trad-Bullish fundamental news. including active exports and some weather concerns for the US Midwest, propelled corn futures to a higher close with the

most active March contract up 1-3/4 at \$3.80 per bushel. Cbot wheat futures ended lower on Friday, due to position squaring ahead of the long weekend (Today is Presidents' Day in the

US, and all markets there will be closed). The market is currently under-pinned by talk of near-term US exports, traders said: OMarch ??

The concerns about weather patterns in the US Midwest also sished new crop November sovbean prices higher, while the other contracts closed mixed on Friday, analysts said.

wheat closed 2-3/4 lower at

Although it may be early in the season to worry about bad weather for the November crop, US grain stocks are currently very tight and there is very little margin for error.

The March contract closed down 2-1/2 at \$7.30 a bushel. Cotton futures settled higher in a dull trading session ahead of the long US weekend.

The March contract rose 0.46 cents to close at 84.98 cents a pound. Csce March sugar reached a fresh one-year settlement high on short covering on Friday, traders said. The March contract closed at 12.66 cents a pound, up 0.17 cents.

Some analysts have predicted a sizable surplus of sugar will hit the world market later this spring. Csce Arabica coffee finished a short trading session lower in dull trading, with the most active May contract falling 0.40 cents to 122.50 cents a pound.

Csce cocoa settled the week weaker on mixed speculative and industry-related selling. The May contract closed at \$1,315 a tonne, down \$10 on the day.

Courtesy of Michael Zwebner,
CommStock Trading Ltd.

Hungarian FM quits

(Reuter) Hungarian Finance Minister Lajos Bokros resigned yesterday, saying his cabinet colleagues had failed to back his reform drive.

"The finance minister handed me his resignation after today's government meeting," Prime Minister Gyula Horn said, adding that he had accepted the departure with effect from February 29.

Discussions on a replacement for Bokros would begin soon between Horn's Hungarian Socialist Party (HSP) and its coalition partner, the Alliance of Free Democrats, he added.

"As the government doesn't support and trust me, I don't see that reform of the state budget is possible." Bokros said.

At its meeting yesterday, the cabinet rejected introduction of a social insurance tax, and decided against hikes in value added tax

and consumption tax. Ministers rejected a proposal to transform the health insurance

Rand's plummet shows worry among investors in S. Africa'

US, Canada reach lumber deal

to end bitter bilateral trade dispute

Five-year agreement will take effect on April 1

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) -The dramatic fall of the rand on currency markets at the end of last week showed that investors were still nervous about South Africa's future, the Sunday Times said.

It said Friday's dramatic plunge - to an all-time low against the US dollar of 3.90 rand - showed that while the country had made a peaceful transition to majority rule and foreign countries showed "benign feelings" to the new democracy, the country carried the burden of Africa's failures.

...It sounds a warning that foreign opinion, as well as much local opinion, is deeply nervous

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - The

United States and Canada reached

an agreement over the weekend

on Canadian softwood lumber

imports, ending a bitter bilateral

trade dispute that has been smol-

dering for more than a dozen

Calling the agreement an "his-

toric accomplishment," US Trade

Representative Mickey Kantor

said the deal will provide the

"necessary relief and the level

playing field" that US lumber

companies and workers "have

sought for so long" and will sig-

nificantly reduce imports of lum-

The US lumber industry has

long charged that Canadian ship-

ments of softwood lumber into the

United States have jumped dra-

matically in recent years because

of an unfair Canadian lumber pol-

icy that subsidizes its producers

and enables its lumber to be sold

Kantor noted that since 1991,

the Canadian lumber share of the

lucrative US market has grown to

over 36 percent, up from 26%, and that thousands of US jobs have been lost as a result of the

declining American lumber indus-

In blunt language, Kantor

specifically criticized the sale of

in the US at cheap prices.

ber from Canada.

about the future," the newspaper said. "Among investors, faith in this continent is paper-thin, and the specter of a South Africa torn to shreds by sectional harreds has not yet been erased."

The slide began on Thursday after numors, later denied, that President Nelson Mandela had suffered a mild heart attack.

Speculators also baled out over fears that an easing of foreign exchange controls could trigger capital flight and the fall gathered pace on Friday as major investment funds in Europe and the US

It lost more against the dollar in

timber owned by Canadian provinces to Canadian producers

at below market prices, and the

practice of restricting log exports

from British Columbia and other

enabled Canadian lumber produc-

ers to purchase lumber at cheap

prices, export at low prices, and

have made US producers uncom-

Under the five-year agreement, which takes effect April 1,

Canada's largest lumber exporting

province, British Columbia, will

tax its lumber exports to the US

once they reach a certain level,

and Quebec and other lumber pro-

ducing provinces will increase the

so-called sumpage fees producers

The agreement will result in "an

impressive reduction in lumber

imports from Canada," Kantor

Kantor estimated that imports

from British Columbia, which make up 60% of the Canadian

shipments, will drop by 14%, and

that Quebec imports, which

account for another 20% of

imports from Canada, will be

reduced to 89% of last year's lev-

Columbia to implement an export

The agreement calls for British

are charged to cut timber.

He said these practices have

a single day than in the whole of 1995 and at one stage a dollar cost 3.90 rand, against 3.65 on Thursday.

It recovered slightly to around 3.80 by the time the local foreign exchange market closed. The newspaper said the curren-

cy's battering also reminded the nation of the importance of Mandela to South Africa's suc-

"It was a reminder, also timely, that his extraordinary stature as a peacemaker and conciliator remains the pivot of international

confidence in our future.

tax of \$50 per thousand board feet

on lumber shipments when

exports reach 9 billion board feet.

and a \$100 charge if exports

Minister Andrew Petter told

reporters in a conference call that

the fee would be imposed only if

the market price of lumber was less than \$320 per thousand board

greater, then we are released from

lumber went against the spirit of a

free trade agreement between

Canada and the US, but, given the

alternative of a trade war, the pact

announced Friday was in

On the Chicago Mercantile

Exchange, lumber futures fell

ahead of the announcement as

progress in the talks was seen as

lessening the threat of immediate

US government action against

Canadian imports. March lumber

ended \$8.80 lower at \$300.50 per

Ouebec agreed to increase its

It will then implement a back-

up mechanism if necessary to

ensure that a reduction in Quebec

stumpage fees by about \$100 mil-

Petter said the US stance over

these constraints," he said.

Canada's best interests.

thousand board feet.

"If lumber is US\$320 or

British Columbia Forest

reach 9.2 billion board feet.

There is nobody else to pro-

vide that assurance."

The paper said Mandela's "anointed crown prince." Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, did not inspire confidence.

...Markets are as ruthless in passing judgment as they are swift, and the idea that Mr. Mandela may be replaced by Mr. Mbeki inspires great nervousness," it said.

Mandela and Mbeki's ruling African National Congress would have to convince the world that it was able and willing to carry on the policies of reconciliation that had made Mandela an international symbol of peace, it added.

lumber shipments to the US to

Kantor said the parties in

Alberta and Ontario have also

agreed to comparable mecha-

nisms, but did not give any

Kantor pledged that if the agree-ment failed. Washington would

not hesitate to take other action.

including pursuing a formal trade

complaint against Canada and

slapping tariffs on incoming

US and Canadian officials have

met all week to reach an agree-

ment over Canadian lumber

imports, and to resolve US

charges that Canada unfairly sub-

until well after midnight almost

every night this week, a source

The US lumber industry, repre-

sented by the Coalition for Fair

Lumber Imports, had threatened

to ask Washington to impose

duties on Canadian imports if an

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US industry officials at the press

conference announcing the agree-

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CPI rise pushes down indexes

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



STOCK indexes fell to their lowest levels in two months amid concern the Bank of Israel will raise interest rates, increasing companies' borrowing costs and drawing investment toward sav-

Last Thursday the Central Bureau of Statistics announced that January's Consumer Price Index rose a relatively high 0.9 percent from December.

The announcement came after the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange had closed for the day.

"After the high CPI, everyone's afraid that interest rates will go up," said Avi Meir, an investment manager at Israel General Bank. "Nobody wants to buy stocks

The Bank of Israel last increased interest rates on February 1, when the rate at which it lends to banks rose to 14% from 13.7%.

Losses were led by Koor Industries Ltd., the most active share on the exchange, which fell 0.75 as NIS 3.5 million worth of

shares changed hands. Koor's American Depositary Receipts in New York rose 1/4 to 19 7/8 on Friday from Wednesday. the last day of trading on Wall Street to influence Tel Aviv.

The Maof Index fell 1.29% to 209.29 and the Two-Sided Index decreased 1.04% percent to

Of 998 issues trading across the exchange, nearly twice as many shares fell as rose. More than NIS 70.3m, worth of shares traded, NIS 8.8m. below this month's trading level.

Declining shares included Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd., which fell 3%. The decline followed losses in Teva's ADR's, which fell 1 1/8 to 42 1/4 on Friday from Wednesday in New York.

Osem Investments sank 4% after foreign investors were seen as uninterested in purchasing the stock, said Israel General Bank's Meir. Bank Hapoalim fell 3% and Bank Leumi dropped 1%.

Other falling shares included holding company Clal (Israel) Ltd., which fell 0.5% and Clal Electronic Industries Ltd., which dropped 2%.

Clai Industries Ltd. closed unchanged after Kibbutz Yorvata announced it is negotiating to sell a stake in its dairy business to Clal

Industries Ltd. Clal Industries is in the final stage of negotiating to purchase 50% of Yotvata Dairy for about NIS 100m. The kibbutz produced 12.5 million liters of chocolate and mocha flavored milk drinks

last year. Investors felt Clal "got a good price for Yotvata," said Meir. Gaining shares included chemi-

cal companies. Israel Chemicals Ltd. rose 0.25% and its subsidiary Dead Sea Works Ltd. went up

On the Two-Sided Index, Mofet Israel Technology Fund Ltd. rose 0.5%, following gains in VocalTec Ltd., which went up to 14 1/8 Friday from 13 1/2 on Wednesday on Wall Street. Mofet owns a 10% stake in

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Ukraine miners suspend strike over energy crisis

KIEV (Reuter) ~ Ukraine's coal miners suspended a two-week-old strike on Friday, but government leaders said the stoppage had already seriously damaged the country's crisis-ridden energy

Strike leaders named the deepening energy crisis in Ukraine as a key reason for suspending the strike, called on February 1 to demand months of back pay and subsidies to the ageing and lossmaking sector.

"We'll fully stop the strike when our demands are satisfied," strike leader Nikolai Podgorny said. "But the strike will create job cuts in industry and the stores of coal at thermal stations are very low. This, combined with the lengthy cold spell, could lead to catastrophe."

An unusually freezing winter has left Ukraine with thermal stations desperately short of coal and fuel oil. Nuclear power plants. which provide about 50 percent of Ukraine's electricity in winter, were working at full force.

The government ordered large factories to shut down to save energy after neighboring Russia uncoupled Ukraine from a joint power grid this week. Rotating power cuts leave peo-

ple in the dark for hours at a time in many parts of the country, even in the suburbs of Kiev.

Prime Minister Vasyi Yevtukhov said the strike had only served to worsen an already critical situation. Russia was unlikely, he said, to hook up Ukraine to the energy grid in the next few days.

"The miners' strike in Ukraine has ended, and the only result is hig losses to the economy, Yevtukhov said. "It was absolutely unnecessary. The damages total several million tonnes of coal that we need. I see no pluses for the miners - only minuses. Their slogans were sheer populism."

Trade union leaders said they would continue to press for talks with the government on economic demands. They did not say when the strike might resume.

The government has doled out \$79 million in back pay - about two-thirds of what miners were demanding - but mindful of obligations to the International Monetary Fund, says it will provide no more funds from the bud-

The strike began fizzling out over the past week after a strong start in most pits in the Donbass coal mine in eastern Ukraine. On Thursday, trade unions said 33 of Ukraine's 250 mines were not working and 93 were refusing to

Chrysler ruled negligent in design of van brakes

BOSTON (Reuter) - Chrysler Corp has been ordered to pay 519 million damages to a man whose family was killed in one of their vans, his lawyer said over the weekend.

In a far-reaching case, a jury ruled the US carmaking giant was grossly negligent in its design of the brakes in its 1986 Plymouth Voyager.
Paul Santos' wife and three chil-

dren were killed when their van spun out of control on a slick New Hamsphire highway in February. 1990, after the van's rear brakes locked. Santos broke into tears when the

verdict was announced, his lawyer Leo Boyle said. The jury also returned additional punitive damages of \$15,705 to cover the cost of the van.

"Chrysler has got a huge problem on its hands." Boyle said. "An American jury has determined that Chrysler was grossly negligent in the design of the braking system of the most popular car in America, the Chrysler miniyan.

"We knew from our research that there was a huge problem with this vehicle," he said.

The jury rejected Chrysler's reported argument that Santos was speeding on snowy roads and her windscreen wipers were broken, possibly inhibiting her view. Under normal circumstances, the van's front and rear brakes lock at the same time. Boyle said. But a tiny misadjustment or maintenance problem can result in disas-

Boyle said the ruling could be far-reaching. The brake design was used in the Dodge Caravan and the Chrysler Town and Country van from 1984 to the early 1990s.

His law firm is cooperating with the plaintiffs in two other lawsuits pending against Chrysler. one in Pennsylvania and one in Georgia, he said.

The vans are now equipped with anti-lock brakes, he said

contribution into a tax.

England victorious but loses White to injury

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (Reuter) -England cruised to an eight wicket win against the United Arab Emirates yesterday but its celebrations were overshadowed by an injury to Craig White which ruled him out of the rest of the

World Cup.
The Yorkshire all-rounder injured an intercostal muscle after bowling only nine balls, forcing the England management to apply to the tournament's technical committee for permission to send for a replacement.

Despite White's early departure England still dominated its group B match against the UAE, sealing its victory with 15 overs

The UAE, the ICC Trophy holders, decided to bat after winning the toss but mustered only 136 all out in 48.3 overs.

Off-spinner Neil Smith, making his World Cup debut, captured three for 29, while seamers Dominic Cork and Phillip DeFreitas - recalled on his 30th birthday - took two wickets

England replied with 140 for two in 35 overs, Graham Thorpe top-scoring with an unbeaten 44. Smith was named man of the match for a fine all-round perfor-

Cricket World Cup

LONDON (Reuter) - A 77th

minute left-foot volley from Lee

Sharpe gave Manchester United a

2-1 win over Manchester City in a

thrilling FA Cup fifth round derby

match yesterday to keep United

on course for a third successive

German striker Uwe Rosler put

Manchester City into a 1-0 lead

when he chipped United's Danish

goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel after

only 11 minutes as City searched

But the fates turned against City

After City's German goalie Eike

Immel had made an outstanding

save for a corner, their new

German defender Michael

Frontzeck held down Eric

Cantona right in front of the refer-

ee from the ensuing corner kick.

to be interfering with play, the ref-

eree stunned most of Old Trafford

Although neither man seemed

in the 38th minute after they had

largely dominated the first half.

final appearance.

for 22 years.

mance in his first Cup appearance. He helped to get the England innings off to a good start but had to retire with his score at 27 when he became ill on the field.

The win was England's first in the tournament after they were defeated by New Zealand in their opening match last Wednesday. The UAE have lost their first two

He said the England management would meet to decide who they would call up to replace White and hoped to announce their decision this morning.

England was expecting clarification on whether the new player could come from outside the original provisional squad of 20 which each side had to submit two months before the tourna-

Illingworth gave no indication

UAE
S. Azhar Ibw b DeFreites
G.Mytraganam c Fairbrother b DeFreitas
Z.Hussain b N.Smith
V.Mehra c Russail b N.Smith
M.Asiam b Gough
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S.Raza b Cork
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Extras (b4 lb4 w4 nb1) 13

Total (all out 48.3 overs) 136

Fall of wickets: 1.3 2.32 3.48 4-49 5-49 6-80 7-88

8-100 9-135-10-136.

Bowling: Cork 10-1-33-2 DeFreitas 9.3-3-16-2

Gough 8-3-23-1 White 1.3-1-2-0 N.Smith 9.3-2-29-3 llingworth 10-2-25-1.

England

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Did not bat: J. Russell C. White D. Cork P.DeFreitas

Sharpe volley leads United to

2-1 FA Cup win over City

Liverpool makes quick work of Shrewsbury

when he pointed to the spot but he

could not faze Cantona who

stepped up and smacked home his

10th goal of the season past

Ryan Giggs and overlapping defender Philip Neville set up the

winner for United, who won the

Cup in 1994 and were beaten by

Everton last year, with Neville

crossing perfectly for Sharpe to

Earlier yesterday, Liverpool

Shrewsbury 4-0 in a fourth round

tie, yet it took a 70th minute own

goal to turn the match firmly their

fifth round home tie against First

Division title contenders Charlton

Shrewsbury went into the twice-

postponed game at their Gay

Meadow home seeking a result to

match their giant-killing triumph

over Manchester City in 1979, but

their chances were virtually stran-

SCOREBOARD SATURDAY'S NHL RESULTS: NY Islanders 4, San Jose 2; Hartford 2, Buffalo 1 (OT); Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 2; NY Rangers 2, Ottawa 1 (OT); Montreal 5, Calgary 1; Boston 4, Vancouver 1; Anaheim 2, Los Angeles 1 (OT).

Athletic on February 28.

The win took Liverpool into a a

crack the ball home first time.

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of who they were considering, except to say the new man would preferably be an all-rounder. If the player has to come from

the original squad, Warwickshire captain Dermot Reeve or Lancashire's Mike Watkinson. both of whom played in the recent one-day series in South Africa, would be in contention.

But if there is no restriction, Essex's Ronnie Irani, who toured Pakistan with England A recently, would be in the frame.

Engalnd's Mike Atherton said Graeme Hick and Robin Smith were not fully fit to play on Sunday, although either could have turned out if necessary.

Kenya-India Sachin Tendulkar gave Kenya's bowlers a harsh introduction to the World Cup by smashing an unbeaten 127 to ensure a seven-wicket win for host India in their opening group A

Kenya M.Chudasama c Mongia b Prasad K.Otieno c Mongia b Raju M.Odumbe st Mongia b Kumble H.Modi c Jadeja b Kumble T.Odyo c Prabhakar b Kumble E.Odumbe not out A.Karin not out Extras 62-2 b-11 w-7 ob-1)

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Extras (b-2 lb-11 w-7 nb-1) 21
Total (stx wickets 50 overs) 198
Fall of wickets: 1-41 2-65 3-161 4-161 5-165 6-184
Did not bet: D. Tikolo, M.Surj, P.Ali
Bowling: Prabihalser 5-1-19-0, Srinath 10-0-38-0
(Sw. 1/ob), Prasad 10-0-41-1 (2w), Kurnble 10-0-28-0, Raju 10-2-34-2, Tendulter 5-0-26-0, India
A.Jadega C.A.Ib Karim 53
S.Terdulkar not out 127 N. Sidhu e Suij b S. Takolo V. Kambli e D. Tikolo b M. Odumbe N. Monga not out Extras (15-3 w-7 nb-2)

Total (three wickets 41.5 overs) 203 Fall of wickets 1-163 2-167 3-162 Did not bat: M.Azarhuddin, M.Prabhakar, V.Prasad, Johnth, A.Kumble, V.Paju

Bowling: Ali 5-0-25-0 (1w), E.Odumbe 3-0-18-0 (1w, 1nb), Suji 5-0-20-0, Odoyo 3-0-22-0 (1nb, 2w), Karim 10-1-27-1 (3w), S.Tikolo 3-0-26-1, M.Odumbe 9.5-1-41-1, D.Tikolo 3-0-21-0.

Result: India won by seven wickets

gled at birth by Stan Collymore's

Liverpool took time to build on

its early boost and Shrewsbury

briefly threatened early in the sec-

ond half before the Premier

League aristocrats finally pro-

duced a semblance of the ruthless-

ness that destroyed Rochdale 7-0

them some welcome breathing

header past his own keeper and

then compounded his anguish five

minutes later when he gave the

ball away on the edge of the box

to Robbie Fowler, who rounded

keeper Paul Edwards and practi-

cally walked in his 26th goal of

from time that Jason McAteer fin-

ished off a more Liverpool-like

goal after Collymore and Steve

McManaman had provided the

It was not until four minutes

space in the 70th minute.

A Dave Walton own goal gave

eighth-minute goal.

came troubles on and off the court last night to beat a stubborn Maccabi Jerusalem, 91-85 in the National Basketball League. Rishon played without guard

MACCABI Rishon Lezion over-

Gilad Simhoni, who left the club after being accused by management of suggesting to Interior Ministry authorities that his fellow guard. Yugoslavian-born Alexander Nikolitch, may have hoodwinked authorities concerning Nikolitch's conversion to Judaism .

However, thanks to late heroics by Motti Ben-Bassat, Nickolitch's 18 points and Brian Oliver's 31. Rishon was able to rise above the unfortunate episode to climb back into the Final Four picture. In other games, Maccabi Tel

Aviv routed visiting Hapoel Galil Elyon, Hapoel Tel Aviv earned an important away win against Hapoel Safed, Maccabi Ramat Gan staved off Hapoel Eilat, and Bnei Herzliya beat Hapoel Gvat. Mac. R. Lezion 91, Mac. J'lem 85 Led by its own Jordan, playmaker Adonis Jordan, Maccabi Jerusalem gave Oliver and Co. a run for their money in the capital. Behind Uri Cohen-Mintz (17 points, including three three-pointers) and buoyed by

just 45-40 at the half.

However, led by Doron Jamehi –

foul gave Rishon the opportunity to run off seven straight points led by Motti Ben-Bassat, and Jerusalem never recovered. Jerusalem managed to whittle the

spot and gave them impetus going into Wednesday night's State Cup game with Maccabi Tel Aviv.

ferences to allow for his return. Mac. TA 89, Hap. Galil Elyon 69

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Rishon moves into top four

solid interior defense, Jerusalem led 60-53, and still led 71-70 with four minutes to play. However, a technical

lead down to 87-83 before Nikolitch sank several clutch free throws down the stretch to give Rishon (10-5) the important road victory, which boosted them past Galil Elyon into the fourth

As for Simhoni, Rishon coach Roni Bosani said after the game he hoped management and his point-guard would be able to overcome their dif-

Maccahi had much less to worry about than some expected, although ceach David Blatt's young Galil club kept it close in the early going, trailing

who scored only two in the first half but ended up with 22 points on 8-12 shooting and a perfect 5-5 from the foul line – and Monti Daniel's 16 points and fine defense, Maccabi (14-1) pulled away to turn the game into a laugher. For Galil Elyon (9-6), the loss

was the club's second defeat in a row. Hap. Tel Aviv 86, Hapoel Safed 74 Coach Moshe Weinkrantz's rebuild.

ing of Hapoel Tel Aviv (6-9) continued to pay off last night, thanks to fine teamwork and defense that held Safed's Melvin Neubern to just 18 points. Safed had an early 30-20 lead, but once again Nano Markovitch (27 points) was unstoppable, and Meir Tapiro chipped in with 17.

The only positive note for Safed, which slipped to 7-8 in a rare home loss, was forward and team captain Erez Hazan scoring his 5,000th league point. The feat put Hazan in rare company, as he became only the 13th player to break the 5,000 mark in league history. Mac. Ramat Gan 66, Hap. Ellat 63

After last week's controversial one point win over Happel Holon, it looked like Eilat would just settle for being trounced this week, as coach Gadi Kedar's rejuvenated Ramat Gan club rolled to an early 20-9 lead.

Ramst Gan just added to that bulge in the second half, pushing its advantage to 21 points behind Travis Mays (28 points) before Eilar (5-10) got a wake-up call. Ralph Klein's chrb, sparked by Ari Rosenberg, held Ramat Gan (4-11) to just six points in the next 8:40 to start their comeback,

basket and two foul shots, it was 64 63 with just 11 seconds left.

more hoop to close out the victory. Buei Herzdiya 96, Hapoel Gvat 74 Led by Derrick Gervin, Gvat looked like they were about to pull off the upset of the year in Herzhya, as they grabbed a 44-37 lead behind his 23 first-half points. However, coach Muli Katzarin's club responded well to what must have been a senous half-time

tongue-lashing, using a 15-2 spurt to demotish the visitors, who played without foreigner Stevie Thompson, who sat out the game with an illness.

For Herzliya, Amir Katz scored 33 points while Lior Arditi led Herzliya's defense as the chib recovered from less treated of the chib recovered from the chib recovered from less treated of the chib recovered from the chi last week's disheartening home loss to Maccabi Tel Aviv.

Tonight, Hapoel Holon hosts Hapoel Jerusalem. The game will be shown on Sports Channel beginning at 8:45 pm.

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Hapoel Etlat
Hapoel Holon
Maccabi Jerusalern
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Hapoel Gvat

opponents.
The game was preceded by a 65-

minute ceremony to retire the uniform No. 11 worn by former Pistons captain and current Raptors general manager

Detroit led 53-46 at the half and broke the game open with a 16-2 run early in the third.

The Pistons led by as many 22 in the period before Alvin Robertson

led a 10-point run that helped Toronto pull to 80-66 with 12 min-

utes to play.

The comeback ended as Michael

Curry hit a 3-pointer then added a dunk to put Detroit ahead 87-68 with

10:03 to play.

Grant Hill added 27 points for Detroit and Joe Dumars had 12 points.

and 14 assists.

Clippers 190, Trail Blazers 96

Host Los Angeles ended in ninegame losing streak, getting 22 points
from Loy Vaught and 20 from Rodaey
Rogers in a victory over Portland.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS:

and 14 assists.

Childs sparks New Jersey over New York host Detroit sent Toronto to its 18th loss in 19 games against divisional

Chris Childs scored five points in the final 52 seconds and made a steal to set up two go-ahead free throws by Armon Gilliam as New Jersey rallied to beat the New York Knicks 82-77 Saturday

night.
The Nets scored the final 10 points and held the Knicks scoreless for 2:24 in winning their third straight game, which matches their season high.

All three wins have come since the end of the All-Star break against quality teams, including two against Indiana. The loss was only the third in the last 10 games for New York,

all on the road. Gilliam led the Nets with 28 points and 11 rebounds, Childs had 20 points and nine assists and

Shawn Bradley added 11 points and 15 rebounds, New Jersey outrebounded New York 63-43.
Patrick Ewing had 19 points for New York. Derek Harper 16 and

Anthony Mason 15. Magic 95, Heat 93
Rex Chapman of host Miami
missed two free throws with 2.1 seconds left, allowing Orlando to break a four-game road losing streak.

Chapman's second miss was intentional and the Heat grabbed the rebound, but no one was able to get ashot off before time expired. Shaquille O'Neal scored 31 points

to narrowly win his showdown with Miami's Alonzo Mourning, who had 27 points and 15 rebounds. O'Neal six consecutive free throws in the sec-Mourning has scored 35 and 33 in

his past two games against O'Neal but missed 16 of 27 shots this time before fouling out with two minutes left. Cavaliers 97, 76ers 82 Host Cleveland extended the NBA's

longest current winning streak to seven games, beating Philadelphia behind 25 points from Terrell Brandon. Brandon, who also had nine assists.

was one of six Cavs who scored in Vernon Maxwell scored 26 and Jerry Stackhouse 22 for the Sixers, losers of three straight and 14 of their

Philadelphia has lost 20 of its last 21 meetings with Cleveland, includ-

FLYING HIGH - Philadelphia's Vernon Maxwell goes for the Cleveland's John Crotty looks on.

Knicks trade Christie, Williams

The New York Knicks continued to reshape their rooks and en

The deal sends Doug Christie and High Williams to the Restors a exchange for Willie Anderson and Victor Alexander.

It was the second major trade in 10 days for the Knight swapped Charles Smith and Monry Williams to San Andrews before last week's All-Star game, acquiring TR. Reid Brade of the San Andrews and a No. 1 draft choice from the San A No. 1 draft choice from the San A No. 1 draft choice from the San A.

and a No. 1 draft choice from the Spars

possible salary cap maneuverability for next season yesterosis pleting a four-player trade with the Toronto Raptons.

ing the last seven. Derrick Coleman returned for the 76ers after missing six weeks because of a sprained ankle. He had 10 points on 3-for-14 shooting, nine rebounds and five assists in 37 minutes. Pistons 108, Raptors 95 Allan Houston scored 29 points and

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UConn takes all the fight out of the Irish

STORRS, Conn. (AP) - Third-ranked Connecticut simply wore down Notre Dame until there was no fighting left in the Fighting

After a slow start, the Huskies turned up the pressure and turned around the game, taking command with a 12-0 run and never relinquishing control on the way to an 85-65 victory on Saturday afternoon.

Ray Allen scored 28 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and had three of UConn's season-high 13 blocks as UConn (24-1, 14-0 Big East) extended its wirming streak to 23 games.

Connecticut also matched the best start in the Big East to this point. St. John's began 14-0 in 1984-85, the memorable year it ioined Villanova and Georgetown in the NCAA tournament's Final Four.

Travis Knight had 12 points and 10 rebounds for UConn. but proved more troublesome to Notre Dame with a season-high seven blocks. Kirk King added 13 points and Doron Sheffer had 10; points for the Huskies.

TOP 25 COLLEGE HOOPS TOP 25 COLLEGE HOOPS
SATURDAY'S RESULTS:
No. 1 UMass 74, No. 10 Virginia Tech 58
No. 2 Kentucky 90, Temessee 50
No. 3 Connecticut 85, Notre Dame 65
No. 4 Villaneva 67, Pittsburgh 64
No. 5 Kansas 61, No. 22 Iowa State 50
No. 6 Cincinnati 87, DePaul 60
No. 7 Utah 88, San Diego State 74
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Mississippi 71, No. 25 Mississippi St. 54

TENNIS BRIEFS

Halard beats Majoli in Paris Open Julie Halard of France upset top-seeded Iva Majoli, 75, 7-6(7-4) in the final of the Paris Open yesterday to stop the Croatian's bid fea

a second consecutive tournament victory.

It was the sixth career title for the French woman and second of the year, winning in Hobart, Australia, in Janatiry.

Andre Agassi delivered his end of the deal, setting up a march with Pete Sampras for tennis' No. 1 ranking with a 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 victory over Michael Chang in the Sybase Open semifinals Saturday night

semifinal, and Agassi played late last night to determine the world No. 1 ranking. Sampras began 1996 as No. 1, Agassi took it over on January 29 and then lost it on February 12 to Thomas Muster. who lost a first-round match last week in the Dubai Open.

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Agassi, Sampras in Sybase finals

in California Sampras, who beat Jan Kroslak 7-6(8-6), 6-3 in the other

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HELEN KAYE

DO scientists have a moral responsibility to the society in which they work, asks Friedrich Durrenman in his very black comedy The Physicists. The Tel Aviv. Community Theater production directed by newcomer Yvonne Both will try to answer this question, from tomorrow and through Thursday at Yad Labanim at 8:30 p.m.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

TENOR Christoph Homberger opens a week of numerous vocal music concerts tomorrow night at the Tel Aviv Museum (8:30) presenting Schubert's captivat-ing song cycle "Die Schöne Müllerin" with Ulrich Koella at the piano.

On Saturday, at 5:30, at the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's guest house in Ramat Aviv. the perform Schubert's Winterreise. Next Sunday and Tuesday Homberger joins the IPO in a choral program featuring music by Vivaldi and Rossini.

Also at the Tel Aviv Museum this week, pianist Natasha Tadson, violinist Andrei Kubliansky and cellist Oleg Stolpner perform trios by Beethoven and Schubert, Saturday (8:30).

FILM

Adina Hoffman

*** LISBON STORY - Like all Wim Wenders's films, this is a moviemaker's movie, concerned no less with the state of the art than with being human. It's the wistful-sweet tale of a German filmmaker named Phillip, a soundman, who travels to the Portuguese capital in search of his missing American collaborator. The real star of the picture, though, is the city itself: as Phillip hunts for his friend, it becomes clear that this conventional mystery plot is merely a pretext for Wenders to roam and film the twisty streets. And given the eclectic and riveting footage this yields, it seems as good an excuse to explore as any. The movie also gains an instant infusion of rich, local feeling from its lush soundtrack, and benefits



Sisterhood is powerful in the new film 'Waiting to Exhale.'

from the light slapstick that distinguishes so much of the action. As Phillip hops on and off trolleycars with his fuzzy microphone, lopsided smile and broken leg, he suggests a cheerful, verbal descendent of Buster Keaton in The Cameraman. (German, English and Portuguese dialogue. Hebrew and English subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

*** WAITING TO EXHALE - Pleasant. moody, and trivial in its essence, Forest Whitaker's directing debut is the cinematic equivalent of easylistening music. The film tells the story of four gorgeous black women looking for love in Phoenix, Arizona, and is perhaps best appreciated for its smooth veneer and over-the-top glamor. The star's cover-girl looks, silky wardrobes and postcard-perfect desert surroundings are hardly the stuff of tough realism. It's a fantasy, then, a slick, black treatment of the themes that have filled the dizzy heads of white women's pictures from How to Marry a Millionaire on. Based on the bestseller by Terry McMillan, the movie features a surprisingly down-to-earth Whitney Houston and a livewire Angela Bassett. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 In which the fieldfare, say, may be hampered? (6-6)
- 9 Worker absent to see Rugby play (4-3) 10 One who instigates some

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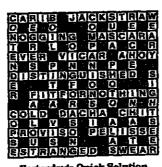
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- Hindu ceremonies (7)
- 11 Irishman's first in residence, settled (4) 12 Cronin's doctor does not
- begin to purfle (5) 13 Try one run over airstrip
- 16 Foreign lady soaring over?
- 17 Cover the wrong way round on novel? What a
- predicamenti (7) 18 Drinks with
- semi-askew (7) 21 Whine about this Roman punk hairstyle... (7)
- 23 ...hard work to Italian (4) 24 W-H-E-A-T? (5)
- 25 Prune garnish? (4) 28 Chemical salt approved after dark, we hear (7) 29 Decimal point of extreme
- force (7)
- 30 Turn one's head, perhaps, to discover where secret is kept (5,4,3)

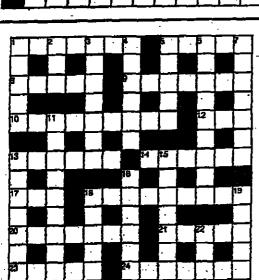
DOWN

- 1 Quiet finish? Not yet
- ecided! (7) 2 Composer, drops in, fell (4) 3 Visitor from Spain, curious
- 4 Gangster group carrying
- to see most unusual nut-tree (7)
- equipment (7) 5 Team putting spin on the ball (4)
- 6 Demand to support former wife makes one cry out! (7) 7 One who works with counter-intelligence? (4,9) 8 Possibly the first blunder
- or main error (7,6) 14 Do but correct such lack of
- faith (5) 15 High mark in examination
- for brightest star (5) 19 Listen to UK composer (7)
- 20 Drink more, perhaps, as overlord? (7)
- 21 Feeling of unease in men in Kuala Lumpur, we hear (7) 22 Nothing in ice-cream wafer can be put on the head (7)
- 26 The third man's fruit? (4) 27 University hospital leaders admit soldiers in this state (4)

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Maidens, 5 Peach, Mufti, 9 Accuser, 10 Accused, 11 Dingo, 12 Scotch, 14 Aragon, 17 Alpha, 19 Actuary, 22 Minster, 23 Brink, 24 Nylon, 25 Enthral. DOWN: 1 Mamba, 2 Infered, 3 Exist, Shandy, 5 Picador, 6 Arson, 7 Harpoon, 12 Swagman, 13 Chasten, 15 Glazier, 16 Barrie, 18 Panel, 20 Tibet, 21 YokaL



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS 1 Wild pig (4.3) 5 Rowing crew (5) 8 Abolish (5) 9 Breastbone (7) 10 Makeshift.

appropriate (9) 12 Be in debt (3) 13 Sufferer for a cause (6) 14 Severe, correct (6)

17 Diocese of bishop 18 Doctor junior to a consultant (9) 20 Porsake (7) 21 More (5) 23 Premium Bonds

computer (5) 24 Unyielding (7)

DOWN 1 Sea mammal (5) 2 Ladder in stocking (3) 3 Vacation (7)

4 Spurting oil well 5 Make an effort (5) 6 Venetian boatman

(9) 7 Storm (7) 11 China (9) 13 Memo (7) 15 Mosaic tile (7) 16 List of matters for

attention (6) 18 Area of high pressure (5) 19 Bake in oven (5) 22 Beverage (3)

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what's on

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

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8:00 Revolutions in the Modern World 8:30 Reading 8:45 Natural Science 9:00 Nature 9:10 Music 9:25 Young children's programs 10:00 On Second Thoughts - marketing the self and public relations 10:30 Science and Technology 10:50 English 11:10 History 11:40 English 12:05 Physical Geography 12:15 Society 12:50 Tolerance 13:30 Stories about arimals 13:40 Our Friends - new animated series 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:00 A Thousand and One Americas 14:25 Mother Goose 15:00 Autoto

E CHANNEL 1

15:32 Land Without Time 15:55 Model School 16:20 At The Tip of the Brush - new series on art, styles. movements, and painters 16:59 A New Evening 17:35 Zapiot to Hosting 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS 18:30 Sport magazine 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaeli 20:00 News 20:45 Popolitica 22:00 Sanderson - comedv 23:00 Backtrack - with Ehud anor 23:30 News magazine 00:00 Verse of the Day

E CHANNEL 2

13:00 Talking About It - Danny Roup 13:00 larking About II - Dailing Houp talks to people with interesting stones 14:00 All for One - adventure series about a co-ed football team 14:30 Tick Tack 15:00 Pinocchio - with Hebrew dubbing 15:30 Dreams with Uzi Hitman 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 A Matter of Time – drama for youth 18:00 Santa Barbara - soap opera 19:00 Baywalch 20:00 News 20:30 It's a Deal – game show 21:05 Zehu Zeh – comedy 21:40 Dan Shilon live 23:15 Sirens – police drama series 00:00 News 00:05 Sirens (continued) 00:20 Studs - dating game 00:45 Starsky and Hutch - police series 01:35 Settle the Score (1989) - suspense drama with Jacqueline Smith and Howard Duff 03:05 Poem of the Day

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E FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 Not Far From Home 11:25 Celeste 12:10 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The Trials of Rosie O'Neill 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 ENG 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Antonella 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The roung and The Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Married with Children 21:15 Nanny -cemedy 21:40 Mao About You 22:05 Fraser - comedy 22:30 Liberated Woman 22:50 The Office 22:50 Mad about you 23:45 Sisters 00:35 Counter Offensive 1:25 Knots

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Murder C.O.D. (1990) sophisticated hit man overhears a marital argument concerning the division of property and decides to murder the husband (91 mins.) 12:10 The General (1926) - classic Buster Keaton comedy set during the American Civil War about soldiers from the south who steal a train. (76 mins.) 13:25 See the Stars 14:15 Street of Dreams (1988) -suspense drama with Morgan Fairchild and Ben Masters. Simp minded private eye falls in love with mysterious woman while on a case. (90 mins.) 15:50 Red King White Knight (1989) - Tom Skemiti stars in this Cold War drama as an American intelligence agent sent to eliminate a killer planning to assassinate a Soviet leader (100 mins.) 17:35 Nightmare (1991) - suspense drama about a girl who tramas the man who kidnaps and threatens her. When he is released from jail the real night-mare begins. Starring Victoria Principal and Jenathan Banks (90 mins., 19:10 The Passage (1987) drama set in the Roaring Twenties about a beautiful young woman from a wealthy family who fails in love with a laborer against her father's wishes. (102 mins.) 21:00 Dance with a Stranger (1985) - British drama based on the life of Ruth Ellis, the last woman to be executed in Britain (97 mins.) 22:40 My First Love (1988) - romantic comedy about a vidow who, to the great dismay of her friends, seeks out her college

sweetheart after many years. Starring Beatrice Arthur, Richard

Kelly and Joan Van Ark (89 mins.) 00:15 Inside Monkey Zatterland

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(1992) - comedy set in L.A. about a young Jewish comedian who attempts to get his career off the ground while dealing with his eccentnc tamily and crazy friends. Starring Patricia Arquette. Sandra Bernhard and Bo Hopkins. (88 mins.) 1:45 Judgement Day: John List (1993) – psychological chiffhanger based on the true story of John List, the psychotic killer who murdered his wife and three children (93 mins.)

6:30 Cartoons 8:05 The Magical World of Dinosaurs 3:30 White Fang 9:00 The Small University 9:05 Encyclopedia 9:40 Heart 10:15 Punky Brewster 10:45 Lois and Clark 1:45 Loony Toons 12:00 Saved by the Bell 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Alvin and the Surprise Ga:den 13:35 Alvin and the Chipmunks 14:00 Detective Boogie 14:35 Once Upon a Time 15:10 Heart 15:45 Family Ties 16:15 Black Stallior. 16:35 Ocean Girl 17:15 Loony Toons 17:30 Saved by the Belt 18:00 Hugo 18:35 White Fang 19:00 The Magical World of Dinosaurs 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Family Ties 20:55 Mork and Mindy 21:25 Cheers

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22:00 Le Cri du Hibou (1987) - suspense film by the French director Claude Chabriol about a peeping Tom infatuated with a young married woman (104 mins.) 23:50 The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (1938) - based on the Mark Twain novel with Tommy Kelly as Tom (74 mins.)

EDISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Management. Marketing and Economics 12:00 Human Nature 13:00 Beyond 2000 14:00 Open University 16:00 Human Nature 17:00 Beyond 2000 18:00 Open University 20:00 Balance of Nature 21:00 China, The Awakening Dragon 22:00 Nice Guys Finish Last 23:00 Balance of Nature

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17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Haram Alek 15:30 Panorama with Zaidan Atshe 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs We Loved 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Opening Shots - series about talented young exponents in all fields of art 21.15 T-Bone and Weasel (1992) starring Gregory Hines and Ned Beatty. Following his release from prison, T-Bone looks up Weasel, a oser who rents rooms to ex-cons. T-Bone persuades him to join him in a ries of bank robberies (89 mins.) 00:00 Closedown

E ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Malh enrichment 17:00 At the Bottom of the Sea With Delphi 17:30 Time Out 18:00 The Herodian Kingdom 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Basic Arabic 19:30 Before Induction - program about army service 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 (with Russian subtitles) Preparation for Bagrut 21.00 Medicine Demystified 21:30 Korea -The Unknown War 22:30 Spirited

E SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 Europe 2000 7:30 ITN News 8:00 The Today Show 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 Portrait of the Century 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Frost's Century 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Frontal 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Supersport 00:00 Best of the Tonight Show 1:00 Late Night

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B STAR PLUS

6:00 Beverly Hillbillies 6:30 Look and Cook 7:00 Video Fashion Monthly 7:30 Gabrielle 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Look and Cook 12:30 Video Fashion News 13:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 13:30 Small Wonder 14:00 The Black Stallion 14:30 Batman 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Entertainment Tonight 16:00 M*A*S*H 16:30 inspector Morse 15:30 Mystery Movies 18:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 19:00 Santa Barbara 20:00 Hard Copy Star Trek 20:30 Hearls Afire 21:00 Grace Under Fire 21:30 Barnaby Jones 22:30 Entenainment Tonight 23:00 Oprah Winfrey 00:00 Hard Copy 00:30 Home and Away 1:00 The Sullivans

E CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 NBA action 17:00 Horse Show in Ramat Hasharon 17:30 College Basketball 18:45 South American basketball 19:45 Name of the Game 22:30 Premier league soccer roundup 23:30 College Basketball 00:30 National Volleyball league

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9:30 Motorsports Magazine 10:30 Alpine Skiing 14:45 Boxing 15:45 ATP Tennis 17:15 Alpine Skiing 18:00 Bobsledding 19:30
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Alpine Skiing 23:30 Professional
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6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Sibelius: 6 Humoresques for violin and orch; works by Finnish and Israeli composers 12:00 Light Classical -Sigmund Romberg: Songs from The Student Prince, The Desert Song, New Moon 13:00 Melos Quartet -Bruckner: Quintet in F for strings (with Santiago), Intermezzo in D minor for strings 14:06 Encore 15:00 Cycle of Works - Beethoven's piano sonatas 16:00 Early music 17:00 Etnahta - live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. New Israeli Wind Quintet - Eyal Ein Habar (flute), David Carmel (oboe). Chen Halevi (clarinet), Mauricio Paez (bassoon). Hezi Nir (horn), with Bloch and Dvorak 21:00 A Matter of

Agreement 23:00 Just Jazz

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G.G. KIRYON 1-9 * 779166 Show Girls@Fair Game@Sudden Death 4:45, 7, 9:30 * An Indian in the Cupboard 4:45 * American President@Virtuosity 4:45, 7, 9:30 * Santa Clause 4:45 * A Goofy Moyle 4:45 * Jace 7, 9:30 * Heat

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The Consession Guard 5, 7:30, 9:45 * Sudden Death 5, 7:30, 10 RAV CHEN The Crossing Guard 5, 7:30, 9:45 * Seven 9:45 * Money Train@Dangerous Minds 5, 7:30, 9:45 * Il Postino 5, 7:30 OR AKIVA RAV CHEN Fair Game@Money Train@American President 7, 9:30 OR YEHUDA G.G. Gil. Virtuosity@Smoke 5, 7:30, 10 * Show Giris 4:50, 7:15, 10 * Seven 4:45, 7:15, 10

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PETAH TIKVA
G.G. HECHAL Heat 4:15, 7, 9:30 *
Virtuosity 4:30, 7:30, 10:15 * Show
Girls 4:30, 7:15, 10 G.G. RAM 1-3 * 9340818 President@Dangerous Minds@Sudder

President@Dangerous Minds@Sudden Death 5, 7:30, 10 RA'ANANA PARK Money Train 7:15, 10:15 * Heat 7, 9:30 * Blue in the Face 6:30 * Seven 7:45, 10:15 * Virtuosity 8 * Show Girls 10:15 * Desperado 5, 10:15 * Clueless 5 * Father of the Bride II 5 * Dengerous Minds 5 * An Indian in the Cupboard 5 * Virtuosity 8 RAMAT GAN

Cupboard 5 * Virtuosity 8
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RAV-GAN 1-4 * 6197121 The
Crossing Guard 5, 7:30, 9:45 *
Dangerous Minds 5, 7:30, 9:45 * The
Usual Suspects 9:45 * Fether of the
Bride II 5, 7:30 * Seven 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
RAV-OASIS 1-3 * 6730687 Heat 6:15,
9:30 * Money Train 5, 7:30, 9:45 *
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CHEN 1-4 * 362864 Heat 7, 9:30 *
Dangerous Minds 7:30 * Seven 10 *
The Bridges of Madison County 7:15 *
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GAL 1-5 * 9:519669 Show Girls 4:30,
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The Crossing Road 5, 7:30, 9:45 * The Usual Suspects 9:45 * Money Train 5,7:30, 9:45 * Seven 7:15, 9:45 * The 5.7:50, 9:45 * Seven 7:15, 9:45 * The Usual Suspects 9:45 * Father of the Bride II 5 * Dangerous Minds 5, 7:30 STAR 1-4 ± 96:19985-7 27 Lishinsky St. Money Train 7:30, 10 * Dead Man Walking 7:30, 10 * Home for the Holidays 7:30, 10 * Lovesick on Nana Street 7:30, 10 PERMC PROPERTY The Crossing PANCINEN Seventing The Crossing

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